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**Board Direction**  
**BD-007965-21**  
**ABP-309019-20**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 22/04/2021.

The Board decided to grant permission, for the following reasons and considerations, and subject to the following conditions.

### **Reasons and Considerations**

In coming to its decision, the Board had regard to the following;

- Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures - Guidelines for Planning Authorities (1996)
- Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures and DoECLG Circular Letter PL07/12
- The objectives Cork County Development Plan 2014-2020 and in particular:
  - Objective ED 7-1 Telecommunications Infrastructure
  - Objective ED 7-2 Information and Communication Technology.
- The Bandon Kinsale Municipal District Local Area Plan 2017
- The nature and scale of the proposed replacement telecoms monopole
- The submissions and observations received
- The decision of the planning authority
- The report of the Inspector

And considered that the proposed development, subject to compliance with the conditions as set out below, would achieve the objectives set out in National Policy under the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures - Guidelines for Planning Authorities (1996) and the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures and DoECLG Circular Letter PL07/12 and the Cork County development plan under

**Objective ED 7-1 Telecommunications Infrastructure** *“to Support the provision of telecommunications infrastructure that improves Cork County’s international connectivity. Facilitate the provision of telecommunications services at appropriate locations within the County having regard to the DoEHLG “Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures, Guidelines for Planning Authorities” Have regard to environmental and visual considerations when assessing large-scale telecommunications infrastructure.”* and

**Objective ED 7-2 , Information and Communication Technology.** *To facilitate the delivery of a high capacity ICT infrastructure and high-speed broadband network and digital broadcasting throughout the County. Support a programme of improved high-speed broadband connectivity throughout the County and implement the National Broadband Strategy in conjunction with the Department of Communications, Marine & Natural Resources.*

Furthermore, the Board was satisfied that the proposed development having regard to its limited nature and scale set against the context of the existing telecoms mast at the Eir Exchange would not seriously injure the residential amenities of adjoining properties and would not seriously injure the visual amenities of the area. It was also considered that the proposed development would not affect the character and setting of the protected structures St Mary’s Church RPS No 00628 or Market House RPS No 00630. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to refuse permission, the Board was satisfied that the proposed development , subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, would not seriously injure the seriously injure the visual amenities of the area, and would seriously injure the residential amenities of the area and of property in the vicinity given the limited increase in scale and height of the proposed monopole and would be in accordance with National, Regional and Local Policy as set out in the reasons and considerations above.

### Conditions

- 1 Plans and particulars.
- 2 Materials and finishes

**Board Member**



Paul Hyde

**Date:** 23/04/2021

