

Board Direction BD-008348-21 ABP-309370-21

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 27/05/2021.

The Board decided to grant permission generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations, and subject to the following conditions.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the provisions of the Westmeath County Development Plan 2014 - 2020, to the nature of the established use on site and to the nature and extent of the proposed development, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development, would not seriously injure the amenities of the area, or of property in the vicinity, would be acceptable in terms of pedestrian and traffic safety and would constitute an acceptable use at the subject site. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions. Where such conditions require details to be agreed with the planning authority, the developer shall agree

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such details in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development and the development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

 The developer shall allow, subject to reasonable terms, other licensed mobile telecommunications operators to co-locate their antennae onto the subject structure.

Reason: In order to avoid the proliferation of telecommunications structures in the interests of visual amenity.

 Details of the proposed colour scheme for the telecommunications structure, ancillary structures and fencing shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to the commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of the visual amenities of the area.

4. Landscaping of the site shall be carried out in accordance with a landscaping scheme which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to the commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of the visual amenities of the area.

5. Any equipment erected on the monopole shall not interfere with the existing telecommunications equipment on the site, except with the agreement of other users.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

 No advertisement or advertisement structure shall be erected or displayed on the proposed structure or its appendages or within the curtilage of the site without a prior grant of planning permission.

Reason: In the interests of the visual amenities of the area.

7. A low intensity fixed red obstacle light shall be fitted as close to the top of the mast as practicable and shall be visible from all angles in azimuth. Details of this light, its location and period of operation shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interests of public safety.

 On decommissioning of the telecommunications structure, the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures including fencing shall be removed and the site shall be reinstated at the operator's expense.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

Board Member

Date: 28/05/2021

