

Board Direction BD-008530-21 ABP-309459-21

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 15/06/2021.

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 National Development Plan 2018 – 2027, the National Planning Framework, the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines, the Cork County Development Plan 2014 – 2020, the Blarney - Mallow Municipal District Local Area Plan 2017, and the location of the site in the grounds of Blarney telephone exchange, it is considered that, subject to conditions, the proposal would improve the coverage and capacity of mobile telecommunication and broadband services in line with national and local planning objectives. The site selected is appropriate, in principle, for this proposal, and the siting of it reflects the advice of the Guidelines with respect to the siting of telecommunication support structures. The amenities of the area would not be unduly affected, and no Appropriate Assessment issues would arise. The proposal would thus accord 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, as amended by the further plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanala on the 17th day of February, 2021, 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 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.

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

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

3. 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.

4. The construction of the development shall be managed in accordance with a Construction Management Plan, which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This plan shall provide details of intended construction practice for the development, including hours of working, noise management measures, site-specific measures for handling surface water, and traffic management measures.

Reason: In the interests of public safety and residential amenity.

5. 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 interest of public safety.

Board Member
Paul Hyde
Date: 15/06/2021

