

Board Direction BD-010614-22 ABP-310303-21

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 04/05/2022.

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 national policy to improve connectivity and telecommunications infrastructure in rural communities, to the objectives set out in the current Wicklow County Development Plan to facilitate the improvement of telecommunications provision in the County, to the demonstrated need and justification for the development, to the revised design submitted to the Board with the appeal, to the proximity of existing vehicular access to the site, the location of the application site within commercial forestry where screening is available, and subject to the conditions set out below it is considered that the proposed development would contribute to the improvement of telecommunications in the area, be in accordance with the objectives set out in the current Wicklow County Development Plan, would not have an unacceptable impact on the visual or residential amenities of the area and would, otherwise, accord with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

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 Pleanála on the 21st day of May 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.

 Surface water drainage arrangements for the proposed development shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

 Details of the design and 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. No advertisement or advertisement structure shall be erected or displayed on the proposed structure or its appendages or within the curtilage of the site.

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

Note:

The Board noted the revisions to the design that were submitted with the appeal and considered these were a positive measure in addressing visual impact of the development in the area of outstanding natural beauty set out in the current Wicklow County Development Plan.

Board Member

Patricia Calleary

Date: 04/05/2022

