

Board Direction BD-009618-21 ABP-310584-21

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 08/12/2021.

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:

- (a) the provisions of the Longford County Development Plan 2021-2027, and in particular the location of the proposed development in an area zoned for Industrial / Commercial / Warehousing uses, and
- (b) the guidelines relating to telecommunications antennae and support structures which were issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government to planning authorities in July, 1996,

The Board considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development, which is necessary for the provision of high quality communications and information technology networks in the area, would not seriously injure the amenities of the area, and would 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 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. 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.

 Equipment erected on the lattice tower shall not interfere with existing telecommunications equipment in the area, except with the agreement of other users.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

6. When the structure is no longer required, it shall be demolished, removed and the site re-instated at the operators' expense.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

