

Board Direction BD-010495-22 ABP-311355-21

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 11/04/2022.

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 the nature and scale of the proposed development for the replacement of an existing telecommunications support structure with an a 24m lattice structure carrying telecommunications equipment with ancillary ground-mounted infrastructure, the proposed development would be in accordance with the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures – Guidelines for Planning Authorities 1996 and with the policies and objectives of the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027, and the Town Centre zoning for the site, and would not seriously injure the visual or residential amenities of the area or the amenities of property in the vicinity of the 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 on the 27th September 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

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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.

Water supply and drainage arrangements, including the disposal of surface water, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

3. The proposed mast and all associated equipment shall be removed from the site when it is no longer required and the site shall be reinstated to its predevelopment condition.

Reason: In the interest of orderly development.

4. The site shall be landscaped in accordance with a comprehensive scheme of landscaping, details of which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. All landscaping shall be carried out no later than the first planting season following commencement of development on site.

Existing hedgerows, trees and shrubs on site shall be preserved. All planting shall be adequately protected from damage until established. Any plants which die or become seriously damaged or diseased, shall be replaced within the next planting season with others of similar size and species, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

5. Details of the material finish and colour of the telecommunications support structure and associated equipment shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

6. The applicant shall provide and make available at reasonable terms, the proposed communications structure for the provision of mobile telecommunications antenna of third party licensed mobile telecommunications operators.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity and the proper planning and development of the area.

Board Member

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