

An  
Bord  
Pleanála

**Board Direction**  
**BD-012079-23**  
**ABP-311945-21**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 03/05/2023.

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 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, as updated by Circular Letter PL/07/12 issued by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 2012,
- (b) the policy of the planning authority, as set out in the Mayo County Development Plan 2022-2028 and the Castlebar Town and Environs Development Plan 2008-2014, to support the provision of telecommunications infrastructure,
- (c) the general topography and landscape features in the vicinity of the site, and
- (d) the existing pattern of development in the vicinity,

it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the development proposed would not adversely impact upon the amenities of the area and 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, as amended by the further plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021, except as may otherwise be required 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 and fencing 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. Any additional panels or structures, proposed to be attached to the monopole structure exceeding 1.3 metres in dimension, shall be the subject of a separate planning application.

**Reason:** To regulate and control the layout of the development and in the interest of orderly development.

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

**Reason:** In the interest of public health.

5. 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 traffic management during the construction phase, details of intended construction practice for the development, including hours of working, noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste, as well as protective measures to be employed with respect to the boundary hedgerows.

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

6. Within six months of the cessation of use, the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures shall be removed and the site shall be reinstated. Details relating to the removal and reinstatement 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.

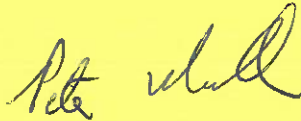
7. All trees and hedgerows within and on the boundaries of the site shall be retained and maintained, except for the following:
  - (a) Specific trees, the removal of which is authorised in writing by the planning authority to facilitate the development.
  - (b) Trees which are agreed in writing with the planning authority to be dead, dying, or dangerous through disease or storm damage, following submission of a qualified tree surgeon's report, and which shall be replaced with agreed specimens.

A landscaping scheme for the appeal site shall be submitted for the written agreement of the planning authority prior to the commencement of development.

Retained trees and hedgerows shall be protected from damage during construction works. Within a period of six months following the substantial completion of the proposed development, any planting which is damaged, or dies shall be replaced with others of similar size and species, together with replacement planting required under paragraph (b) of this condition.

**Reason:** In the interest of visual amenity.

**Board Member**



**Date:** 05/05/2023

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