

Board Direction BD-013311-23 ABP-312083-21

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 17/08/2023.

The Board decided to direct the planning authority to grant a licence 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, scale and design of the development, which is a 15m high freestanding monopole carrying telecommunications equipment with ancillary ground-mounted infrastructure, the provisions of section 254 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Development Plan, 2022-2028, and the 'Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures - Guidelines for Planning Authorities' issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in July, 1996 as updated by Circular Letters PL 07/12 issued by the Department of the Environment, Community, and Local Government in 2012 and PL 11/2020 issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in 2020; it is considered that the proposed development, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, would not seriously injure the visual or residential amenities of the area or the amenities of property in the vicinity of the site, and would be acceptable in terms of the convenience and safety of road users including pedestrians. 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 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 within three months of the date of this order and the development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. This licence shall be valid for a period of five years from the date of this order. The telecommunications structure and related ancillary structures shall then be removed and the lands shall be reinstated on removal of the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures unless, prior to the end of the period, continuance shall have been granted for their retention for a further period. Details relating the removal and reinstatement shall be submitted to, and agreed with, the planning authority at least one month before the date of expiry of this licence.

Reason: To enable the impact of the development to be re-assessed, having regard to changes in technology and design during the specified period.

3. No advertisement or advertisement structure shall be erected or displayed on the structure or within the curtilage of the site without a prior grant of planning permission.

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

4. The structure shall not interfere with existing services and drainage systems and shall not obstruct pedestrian access.

Reason: In the interests of orderly development and pedestrian safety.

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

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity.

Board Member

Date: 17/08/2023

Tom Rabbette

