

Board Direction BD-010728-22 ABP-312563-22

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 18/05/2022.

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 2016-2022 to facilitate the improvement of telecommunications provision in the County, to the location of the proposed mast within a wider landscape already modified by commercial development and public infrastructure features and to the documentation submitted with the application and appeal, 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 negatively impact on human health or on ecology in the area and would, otherwise, accord with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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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.

 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.

 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 the commencement of development.

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

4. Landscaping of the site shall be carried out in accordance with a landscaping scheme which 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.

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

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

6. On decommissioning of the telecommunications structure, the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures including fencing shall be removed and the site shall be reinstated at the operator's expense.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

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

Reason: In the interest of public health.

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Date: 18/05/2022

