

Board Direction BD-013432-23 ABP-313891-22

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 24/08/2023.

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 DOEHLG Section 28 Statutory Guidelines; Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures: Guidelines for Planning Authorities, 1996, as updated by circular letter PL 07/12 in 2012,
- (b) The Galway County Development Plan 2022 2028,
- (c) The low landscape sensitivity of the area,
- (d) The distance between the proposed telecommunications structure and sensitive receptors, including Protected Structures in the vicinity of the appeal site and residential development,
- (e) The nature and scale of the proposed telecommunication structure,
- (f) The demonstrated need for the telecommunications infrastructure at this location,
- (g) Circular Letter PL 03/2018,

(h) The adopted Galway County Council Development Contribution Scheme (as revised 1st August 2019).

it is considered that subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not be visually intrusive or seriously injurious to the amenities of the area, the built heritage of the area, or the residential amenities of properties in the vicinity, would not be prejudicial to public health, would not have a significant impact on ecology or on European sites in the vicinity, and would be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. 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 completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, as amended by the plans and particulars submitted to the Planning Authority on the 4th March 2022, 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 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 provide and make available at reasonable terms, the proposed support structure for the provision of mobile telecommunications antenna of third-party licenced telecommunications operators.

Reason: In the interest of avoidance of multiplicity of telecommunications structures in the area, in the interest of visual amenity and proper planning and sustainable development.

3. Within six months of the cessation of the use of the telecommunications structure, all structures shall be removed from the site, and the site shall be

reinstated at the operator's expense in accordance with a scheme to be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority as soon as practicable. Reason: In the interest of protecting the landscape. 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 commencement of development. Reason: In the interest of the visual amenities of the area. A low intensity fixed red obstacle light shall be fitted as close to the top of the 5. mast as practicable and shall be visible from all angles in azimuth. Reason: In the interest of public safety. No advertisement or advertisement structure shall be erected or displayed 6. on the proposed structure or its appendages or within the curtilage of the site. Reason: In the interest of the visual amenities of the area.

Board Member

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