

Board Direction BD-014430-23 ABP-314482-22

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 26/10/2023.

The Board decided by majority decision (2:1) to refuse the licence application for the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the proposed location of the telecommunications cabinets and street pole in very close proximity to existing residential properties and the relatively narrow width of the combined grass verge and footpath at this location as well as the existing high level of infrastructural elements and telecommunications equipment already present at this location, it is considered that the proposed cabinets and pole would be seriously injurious to residential amenities of properties in the vicinity in terms of negative visual impact and, therefore, would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The Board also concluded that the proposed development does not fall within a class of development set out in Part 1 or Part 2, Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and therefore no preliminary examination or EIA was required.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission, the Board were concerned regarding the impact of visual clutter in a prominent location

on the residential character of the area.

Joe Boland

Board Member

Date: 02/11/2023

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