

## Board Direction BD-012043-23 ABP-315360-22

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 19/04/2023.

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 National Development Plan 2018 2027,
- (b) Objective 48 of the National Planning Framework 2020–2040 in relation to digital communications and services infrastructure,
- (c) Regional Policy Objective 6.36 of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Northern and Western Region 2020 2032 in relation to the rollout of the National Broadband Plan,
- (d) the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines, 1996, as revised by Circular Letter PL 07/12, and
- (e) Section 8.10 (volume 2) of the Mayo County Development Plan 2022 2028 in relation to telecommunications,

it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would contribute to the rollout of broadband services in accordance with national, regional, and local objectives. The visual impacts of this proposal would be compatible with the amenities of the area. Other amenity concerns would be capable of being addressed under a construction management plan. No Appropriate Assessment issues would arise. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

## Conditions

The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application. 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.

 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. 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 intended construction practice for the development, including hours of working, noise management measures, access to the site through the hotel car park, and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

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

4. Within 4 weeks of the commissioning of the proposed 18m high telecommunications structure, the existing 15m high telecommunications structure shall be dismantled and removed from the site.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

5. The developer shall allow, subject to reasonable terms, other licensed mobile telecommunications operators to co-locate their antennae onto the telecommunications structure, subject to the provisions of Class 31 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to Article 6 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended).

**Reason:** In order to avoid the proliferation of telecommunications structures in the interest of visual amenity.

6. On decommissioning of the telecommunications structure, the structure and all ancillary structures shall be removed, and the site reinstated within 3 months of decommissioning.

**Reason:** In the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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**Board Member** 

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