

## Board Direction BD-015198-24 ABP-315658-23

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 24/01/2024.

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

- the National Planning Framework,
- the current Wicklow County Development Plan 2022-2028
- the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures-Guidelines for Planning Authorities 1996 and Circular Letter PL07/12,
- the design of the proposed development, it is considered that the proposed
  development is acceptable in terms of location and would not seriously impact
  on the landscape or the visual or residential amenities of the area, would not
  be obtrusive in views from the designated scenic route, would not seriously
  detract from the character or setting of the protected structure and would,
  therefore, be in accordance with the proposer planning and sustainable
  development of the area.

The Board considered that the proposed development is a project for the purposes of the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive. However, the Board concluded

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that the proposed development does not fall within a class of development set out in Part 1 or Part 2 of Schedule 5 to the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and, therefore, no preliminary examination, screening for environmental impact assessment, or environmental impact assessment is required.

## **Conditions**

1. The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application as amended by the further plans and particulars submitted on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 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 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.

 Surface water drainage arrangements shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

3. Details of the material finish and colour of the telecommunications support structure and associated equipment shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development on the site.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

Details of the boundary treatment of the proposed compound and perimeter planting which shall consist of native species shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

5. The applicant shall allow, subject to reasonable terms, other licenced telecommunications operators to co-locate their antenna onto the subject structure.

**Reason:** In order to avoid the proliferation of telecommunications structures in the area in the interests of visual amenity

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6. A Traffic Management Plan for the construction phase of the development shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of the development.

**Reason**: In the interests of traffic safety.

7. No advertisement or advertisement structure shall be erected or displayed on the proposed structure or within the curtilage of the site.

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

- In the event of the proposed structure becoming obsolete and being 8. decommissioned, the developer shall, at its own expense, remove the mast, antenna and ancillary structures and equipment.
  - (b) The site shall be reinstated upon the removal of the telecommunication structure and ancillary structures. Details of the reinstatement shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of orderly development.

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9. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0800 to 1800 Mondays to Fridays, inclusive, between 0800 to 1400 hours on Saturdays and not at all on Sundays or public holidays. Deviation from these times shall only be allowed in exceptional circumstances where prior written approval has been received from the planning authority.

Reason: In order to safeguard the residential amenities of property in the vicinity.

**Board Member** 

Date: 25/01/2024