

Board Direction BD-014401-23 ABP-317512-23

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 27/10/2023.

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

The proposed development is consistent with the County Development Plan policies, the need for the proposed development has been justified by the applicant. The subject site has been in use and continues in use for telecommunications purposes. This use has been the subject of planning permissions and is an authorised use. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The Board concurred with the Inspector that the development is a project for the purposes of the EIA Directive. However, the Board concluded 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 EIA or EIA is required.

Conditions

 The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application on the 24th day of October 2022, and by the further information submitted to the planning authority on 15th May 2023, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

 The existing 15m telecommunications mast shall be disassembled and removed from the site upon the commissioning of the telecommunications mast structure hereby permitted.

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

3. Prior to the commencement of development, a traffic management plan for the construction phase of the proposed development, and the removal of the decommissioned 15m mast, shall be agreed in writing with the planning authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the agreed plan.

Reason: In the interest of traffic safety.

4. Within 6 months of the permanent cessation of use of the telecommunications structure and associated equipment hereby permitted, all structures on the site shall be removed at the applicants/developers own expense, in accordance with a restoration plan to be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority within three months of the date of this permission.

Reason: In the interests of orderly development, visual amenity, and the proper planning and development of the area.

Board Member

Date: 01/11/2023