

Board Direction BD-018272-24 ABP-318659-23

The submissions on this file and the inspectors report were considered at a Board meeting held on the 20/11/2024.

The Board decided to direct the planning authority to grant a licence, generally in accordance with the Inspectors recommendation for the following reasons and considerations and subject to the conditions set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the provisions of Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, national, regional and local policy objectives, as represented in the Galway City Development Plan 2023-2029 and 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, it is considered that subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not be visually intrusive or seriously obtrusive to the amenities of the area or the residential amenities of properties in the vicinity and, would be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Environmental Impact Assessment

The Board considered that the proposed development is a project for the purposes of the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive. However, the Board concluded that the proposed development does not fall within a class of development set out in

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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 Planning Authority on the 15th day of September 2023 and by the further plans and particulars submitted to the Board on the 7th day of December 2023, 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.

- (a) This permission shall apply for a period of five years from the date of this Order. The telecommunications structure and related ancillary structures shall then be removed unless, prior to the end of the period, permission shall have been granted for their retention for a further period.
 - (b) The site shall be reinstated on removal of the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures. Details relating to the removal and reinstatement shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority at least one month before the date of expiry of this permission.

Reason: To enable the impact of the development to be re-assessed, having regard to changes in technology and design during the specified period.

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| Ī | 3. | No advertisement or advertisement structure shall be erected or displayed |
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| | | on the proposed structure or within the curtilage of the site without a prior |
| | | grant of planning permission. |
| | | Reason: In the interest of the visual amenity of the area. |
| Ī | 4. | Details of the proposed colour scheme for the pole, antennas, equipment |
| | | containers shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning |
| | | authority prior to commencement of development. |
| | | Reason: In the interest of the visual amenity of the area. |
| Ì | 5. | 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. |
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| | | 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. |
| İ | 6. | Surface water drainage arrangements for the proposed development shall |
| | | comply with the requirements of the planning authority. |
| | | Reason: In the interest of public health. |
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Board Member

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