

**Board Direction BD-018046-24 ABP-319380-24** 

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 30/10/2024.

The Board decided to refuse the Section 254 license, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

## **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to the proposed location of the telecommunications cabinet and street pole at a prominent intersection and focal point in the surrounding area, in close proximity to numerous Protected Structures and residential properties and within a Residential Conservation Area, as well as existing telecommunications equipment already at this location, it is considered that the proposed development would be contrary to Policy BHA9 of the Dublin City Development Plan in relation to Conservation Areas, which states that new development should enhance the character and setting of the area and its setting, wherever possible and Section 15.17.4 Outdoor Seating and Street Furniture which states that development should be so located to prevent clutter of all footpaths. The proposed cabinets and pole would be seriously injurious to the visual amenities of the area in terms of a negative visual impact and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The Board considered 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

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Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and therefore no preliminary examination, screening for EIA or EIA is required.'

**Board Member** 

Date: 01/11/2024