

**Board Direction BD-017921-24 ABP-319678-24** 

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 21/10/2024.

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 nature and scale of the proposed telecommunications support structure, justification provided regarding coverage limitations in the area and the provisions of the Laois County Development Plan 2021 - 2027 relating to telecommunications infrastructure, including TEL 5 which seeks to facilitate the delivery of high-capacity telecommunications infrastructure at appropriate locations and DM TEL 1 which seeks to facilitate the evaluation of development proposals for the erection of antennae and support structures, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would be in accordance with relevant policies and objectives of the development plan and would not seriously injure the visual or residential amenities of the area. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

## 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 received by the planning authority on the 27th day of March 2024, 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.

- No works shall be carried out to the existing field gateway.
  Reason: To clarity the extent of the proposed development permitted.
- 3. Site development and building works shall be carried out between the hours of 0700 to 1900 Mondays to Fridays inclusive, between 0800 to 1400 on Saturdays and not at all on Sundays and public holidays. Deviation from these times shall only be allowed in exceptional circumstances where prior written agreement has been received from the planning authority.

**Reason:** To safeguard the amenity of property in the vicinity.

4. No advertisement or advertisement structure shall be erected or displayed on the proposed structure or its appendages or within the curtilage of the site without a prior grant of planning permission.

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

5. The developer shall allow, subject to reasonable terms, other licensed mobile telecommunications operators to co-locate their antennae onto the subject structure.

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

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6. The applicant shall provide and make available at reasonable terms, the proposed communications structure for the provision of mobile telecommunications antenna of third party licensed mobile telecommunications operators.

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

7. The proposed mast and all associated equipment shall be removed from the site when it is no longer required or within 1 year of it becoming obsolete, and the site shall be reinstated to its predevelopment condition.

Reason: In the interest of orderly development

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**Board Member** 

Date: 21/10/2024