

Board Direction BD-019353-25 ABP-321297-24

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 01/04/2025.

The Board decided to refuse permission for the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the proliferation of poles including the existence of a similar type telecommunications pole within 30 meters of the site, in a predominantly residential area, the Board considered that the proposed development would exacerbate the visual clutter along this section of Vernon Avenue and would adversely impact on the visual amenities of the area and would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission, the Board expressed concerns that the proposed telecommunications pole, taken in conjunction with other street furniture in the area, including sign posts, street lamps and an existing telecommunications street pole and associated cabinets would accentuate visual clutter which would impact on the visual amenities of the area and would detract from the established residential character of the area. The Board further considered that the applicant failed to explore in sufficient detail other alternative locations in the vicinity, or amalgamating the coverage requirements by providing one single pole along this section of Vernon Avenue which could equally provide coverage for the area. While the Board noted that the grounds of appeal

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indicated that it was not possible to co-locate the Eir apparatus on the existing pole, the Board were of the opinion that one pole could be sufficient to accommodate the proposed apparatus under the current application together with other operator 30 meters to the north, thereby obviating the need for two separate street poles in such close proximity.

Board Member

Paul Caprani

Date: 01/04/2025