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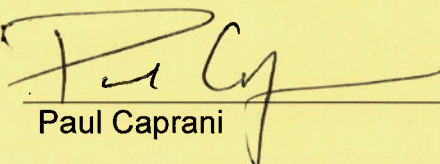
**Direction**  
**CD-021524-25**  
**ABP-321367-24**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 09/12/2025.

The Commission decided to grant permission, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

**Planning**

**Commissioner:**

  
Paul Caprani

**Date:** 09/12/2025

**DRAFT WORDING FOR ORDER**

**Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to:

- (a) national policy regarding the provision of mobile and telecommunications services,
- (b) the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in July 1996, as updated by circular Letter PL07/12 issued by the Department of the environment, Community and Local Government in October 2012,

- (c) the policy of the planning authority, as set out in the Galway City Development Plan 2023-2039, to support the provision of telecommunications infrastructure,
- (d) the location of the site where there is an existing telecommunications structure in place, and
- (e) the nature and scale of the proposed telecommunications support infrastructure,

it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the visual or residential amenities of the area, would not be contrary to the overall provisions of the development plan, and would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The Commission considered that the proposed development is a project for the purposes of the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive. However, the Commission 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 environmental impact assessment, or environmental impact assessment is required.

The Board also noted the information contained in the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report submitted with the current application and noted the conclusions set out in the inspector's reports in the case of the current application and in the case of ABP-314050 and agreed and adopted the conclusions that The proposed mast is sited on land with no drainage ditches or water courses in the immediate vicinity of the works that is hydrologically connected to the Barna Stream and as such the possibility of effects on the Natura network of sites can be excluded in the absence of mitigation.



## **Conditions**

1. The proposed development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, as amended by the details received on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of July and the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 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 proposed development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

**Reason:** In the interest of clarity.

2. Surface water drainage arrangements shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services.

**Reason:** In the interest of public health.

3. Details of the proposed colour scheme for the telecommunications structure, ancillary structures and fencing shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

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

4. The construction of the proposed development shall be managed in accordance with a Construction Management Plan, which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This plan shall provide details of intended construction practice for the proposed development, including hours of working, noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction and demolition waste.

**Reason:** In the interest of public safety and residential amenity.

5. The developer shall allow, subject to reasonable terms, other licenced mobile telecommunications operator to co-locate their antennae onto the proposed mast.

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

6. When equipment or structures are no longer required, they shall be decommissioned, dismantled and removed from the site within three months of the cessation of their use, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the planning authority.

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