

An Bord Pleanála



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2015

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County

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APPEAL by Vodafone Ireland Limited care of Focus Plus Limited of 3 Arbourfield House, Dundrum Business Park, Dublin against the decision made on the 18th day of December, 2015 by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council to refuse permission.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Erection of four number vodafone antenna on support poles located behind the louver windows which will be replaced with four number GRP louver windows and an associated equipment cabinet to be located in the existing church carpark at Saint Matthias, Church Road, Ballybrack, County Dublin. The proposed development will form part of an existing GSM and 3G Broadband telecommunications network. The proposed development was revised by further public notices received by the planning authority on the 1st day of December, 2015.

DECISION

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

MATTERS CONSIDERED

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard. Such matters included any submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

It is considered that the proposed development would adversely affect the character and appearance of Saint Matthias Church, which is a Protected Structure included in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan 2010 - 2016, and would, therefore, seriously injure the amenities of the area. The proposed development would be contrary to policy AR1, to protect the architectural heritage of the county, as set out in this Development Plan, and would be contrary to the Ministerial Guidelines relating to Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures, issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in July 1996. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Member of An Bord Pleanála
duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.**

Dated this day of 2016.