

# An Bord Pleanála



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2016

## Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County

**Planning Register Reference Number: D16A/0215**

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**APPEAL** by Ciaran and Jill Walker and others care of 25 Brook Court, Monkstown, County Dublin and by others against the decision made on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016 by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Vodafone Ireland Limited care of 4Site Telecoms of Keating Road, Raheen Park, Limerick in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** Provision of a 21 metre slim-line monopole (to replace existing floodlight pole), to form part of existing GSM and 3G/4G Broadband telecommunications network, and provide improved services on 3G/4G Broadband Networks. The proposed monopole will carry associated antennas and dish, existing floodlights, associated equipment and proposed equipment cabinet in secure compound, at Blackrock College RFC, Somerset, Stradbroke Road, Blackrock, County Dublin. The proposed development was revised by further public notices received by the planning authority on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

### DECISION

**GRANT permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the said plans and particulars based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the conditions 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

Having regard to

- (a) the national strategy regarding the improvement of mobile communications services,
- (b) the guidelines for Planning Authorities on “Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures” issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in July, 1996,
- (c) Circular Letter PL 07/12 issued by the Minister under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Acts to update certain sections of the “Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures” Guidelines,
- (d) the policies of the planning authority in relation to telecommunications infrastructure and telecommunications antennae and structures, as set out in the Dún-Laoghaire Rathdown County Development Plan 2016 - 2022,
- (e) the planning history of the site, and
- (f) the pattern of development in the vicinity,

it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would enhance mobile telecommunications services in the area, would not seriously injure the visual or residential amenities of the area, would not conflict with the recreational use of the lands in question, would not be contrary to the provisions of the development plan and would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to refuse permission, the Board noted the existing visual impact created by the floodlighting mast, and did not consider that the additional visual impact created by the new structure and associated attachments would be so detrimental as to warrant a refusal of permission. The Board considered that the general area is built-up with extensive areas of settled residential development, with relatively few opportunities for telecommunications towers that would not be proximate to housing. The subject proposal was considered acceptable taking into account the need outlined for the facility and the national guidelines on telecommunications structures. A condition was attached requiring any proposal for additional antenna to be the subject of a planning application.

### **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 submitted on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016, 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.

2. The lighting fixtures to be reinstated on the proposed monopole structure shall be orientated, operated and maintained so that lux levels are in accordance with the approved levels under planning register reference number D11A/02260 (the parent permission for the existing floodlighting).

**Reason:** In the interest of residential amenity.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, or any statutory provision amending or replacing them, no further antennae, dishes or other telecommunications structures shall be erected on the permitted monopole, unless authorised by a further grant of planning permission.

**Reason:** To protect the visual amenities of the area

4. When the use of the telecommunications antennae ceases, the antennae and all associated equipment, structures and ancillary items shall be removed from the site within six months of the use ceasing.

**Reason:** In the interest of orderly development.

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

**Dated this            day of            2017.**