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Board Order PL 93.248129

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2017

Planning Authority: Waterford City and County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 16/798

Appeal by Thomas Troy and others of Duffcarrick/Upper Curragh, Ardmore, County Waterford against the decision made on the 9th day of February, 2017 by Waterford City and County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Three Ireland (Hutchinson) Limited of 5 Harbourmaster Place, Irish Financial Services Centre, Dublin in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

Proposed Development: Retention of the existing 15 metres high telecommunications monopole support structure (previously granted permission under planning register reference number 11/9 which was a temporary permission for a period of five years which has expired), carrying antennas and link dish together with ground based equipment units, and security fencing at Ballynamertinagh, Ardmore, County Waterford.

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 relating to telecommunications antennas and support structures which were issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government to planning authorities in July, 1996, as updated by Circular Letter PL07/12 issued by the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government on the 19th day of October, 2012 under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended,
- (c) the provisions of the Waterford County Development Plan, 2011 to 2017,
- (d) the planning history of the site,
- (e) the potential for sharing of the structure and site with other operators,
- (f) the clustering of facilities at this location, and
- (g) the general topography and landscape features in the vicinity of the site,

it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the development proposed for retention would not seriously injure the amenities of the area, would not be prejudicial to public health and would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. The development shall be retained in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, 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 and the development shall be retained in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. Any additional panels or structures, proposed to be attached to the mast exceeding 1.3 metres in any dimension, shall be the subject of a separate planning application.

Reason: To regulate and control the layout of the development in the interest of orderly development.

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

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

