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**Board Order
PL 07.248955**

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2017

Planning Authority: Galway County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 17/681

Appeal by Annagh Hill National School of Annagh Hill, Ballyglunin, Tuam, County Galway against the decision made on the 5th day of July, 2017 by Galway County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Shared Access Limited care of Focus Plus Limited of 3 Arbourfield House, Dundrum Business Park, Dundrum Road, Dublin in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

Proposed Development: 30 metre multi-user free standing structure carrying telecommunications equipment together with associated exchange cabinets and fencing with access track at Annagh Hill, Ballyglunin, Tuam, County Galway. The development will carry telecommunications apparatus that will form part of Vodafone Ireland's GSM, 3G and 4G network.

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 nature and extent of the proposed development,
- (b) the national strategy regarding the improvement of mobile communications services,
- (c) the guidelines relating to telecommunications antennae and support structures which were issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government to planning authorities in July 1996, and Circular Letter: PL 07/12,
- (d) the policies and objectives of the Galway County Development Plan, 2015-2021,
- (e) the proximity of the nearest residential dwellings and the proximity of Annagh Hill National School,
- (f) the general topography of the site, and
- (g) the existing character and pattern of development in the vicinity,

it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the visual and residential amenities of the area, would not impact on any identified focal points or views, would not adversely impact upon existing archaeology, and would not be likely to have a significant effect on any European Site in view of the sites' conservation objectives. The Board adopted the report of the Inspector in this regard. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, except as my 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 transmitter power output, antenna type and mounting configuration shall be in accordance with the details submitted with this application and, notwithstanding the provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, and any statutory provision amending or replacing them, shall not be altered without a prior grant of planning permission.

Reason: To clarify the nature and extent of the permitted development to which this permission relates and to facilitate a full assessment of any future alterations.

