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**Board Order
PL 88.249402**

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2017

Planning Authority: Cork County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 17/00316

Appeal by Timothy and Mary Harrington of Raheen, Union Hall, County Cork against the decision made on the 19th day of September, 2017 by Cork County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Vodafone Ireland Ltd care of 4Site Telecoms of Keating Road, Raheen Business Park, Limerick in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

Proposed Development: Erection of a 18 metres high multi-user telecommunications structure carrying associated antennae and link dishes, associated equipment cabinets, within security compound, proposed access track at Raheen Townland, Unionhall, County Cork as amended by the revised public notice received by the planning authority on the 30th day of August, 2017.

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 strategic importance of the national broadband service,
- (b) the guidelines relating to telecommunications antennae and support structures issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government to planning authorities in July, 1996,
- (c) Circular Letter PL 07/12 issued by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in October, 2012,
- (d) the policies and objectives set out in the Cork County Development Plan 2014,
- (e) the general topography and landscape features in the vicinity of the site, and
- (f) the existing pattern of development in the vicinity,

it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would provide a necessary service, including co-location, would not seriously injure the visual amenities of the area or the amenities of property in the vicinity and would 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 as amended by the further plans and particulars submitted to the planning authority on the 22nd day of August 2017, 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 developer shall allow, subject to reasonable terms, other licensed mobile telecommunication operators to co-locate their antennae onto the proposed structure.

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

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. When the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures are no longer required, they shall be removed and the site shall be reinstated at the developer's expense.

Reason: In the interest of protecting the landscape.

