

An Bord Pleanála



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2017

Meath County

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APPEAL by Cignal Infrastructure Limited care of 4Site of 4Site House, Raheen Business Park, Limerick against the decision made on the 24th day of November, 2017 by Meath County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Replacement of the existing 25 metre telecommunication support structure and erection of a new 30 metre multi-user telecommunications support structure carrying three number 2.6 metre long antennas, six number 1.9 metre long antennas, six number 0.6 metre diameter communication dishes and six number outdoor cabinets all enclosed within a security compound by a 2.4 metre high palisade fence with a four metre access gate and relocation of a stone pier at existing entrance, all at Lambertstown, Kilmessan, County Meath. The proposed development was revised by further public notices received by the planning authority on the 2nd day of November, 2017.

DECISION

GRANT permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the said council, 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 provision of mobile communications services,
- (b) 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, as updated by Circular Letter PL/07/12 issued by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government on the 19th day of October, 2012,
- (c) the policy of the planning authority, as set out in the Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019, to support the provision of telecommunications infrastructure,

- (d) the location of the site outside of any area with a significant scenic or landscape designation in the development plan for the area, and
- (e) the nature and scale of the proposed telecommunications support structure, and the proposal to remove the existing telecommunications support structure,

it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the visual amenities or landscape character of the area, or the residential amenities of the area, would not result in the creation of a traffic hazard and 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, as amended by the further plans and particulars submitted to the planning authority on the 20th day of October 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. Within eight weeks of the coming into operation of the telecommunications support structure hereby permitted, the existing cable-stayed telecommunications support structure and associated

fencing shall be removed and the site shall be reinstated. Details relating to the removal and reinstatement shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interests of clarity and the visual amenities of the area.

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. Surface water drainage arrangements for the proposed development shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

5. The site access and the access track serving the proposed development shall comply with the detailed standards of the planning authority for such road works.

Reason: In the interest of traffic safety.

6. The construction of the development shall be managed in accordance with a Construction Management Plan, which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This plan shall provide details of traffic management during the construction phase, details of intended construction practice for the development, including hours of working, noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste, as well

as protective measures to be employed with respect to the boundary hedgerows.

Reason: In the interests of public safety and visual and residential amenity.

7. Within six months of the cessation of use the telecommunications structure, all ancillary structures shall be removed and the site shall be reinstated. Details relating to the removal and reinstatement 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.

8. Landscaping of the site shall be carried out in accordance with a landscaping scheme which shall include reinstatement/reinforcement of the hedgerow along the roadside, which shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of the visual amenities of the area.

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

Dated this day of 2018.