



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2018

Planning Authority: Longford County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 18125

Appeal by Michael Hegarty of Farnagh Townland, Longford, County Longford against the decision made on the 1st day of August, 2018 by Longford County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Signal Infrastructure Limited care of 4Site Networks of Raheen Business Park, Limerick in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

Proposed Development: The erection of a 24 metre high multi-user lattice telecommunications structure, carrying antenna and dishes enclosed within a 2.4 metre high palisade fence compound, associated ground equipment, new entrance, access track and site works at Farnagh Townland, County Longford.

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 provision of mobile communication 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 the Circular Letter PL07/12 issued by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government on the 19th day of October, 2012,
- (c) the nature and scale of proposed telecommunications support structure, and
- (d) the site's location within a woodland area,

it is considered that subject to compliance with conditions below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the visual amenities or landscape character of the area or the residential amenities of the area 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, 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 the 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. Prior to the commencement of development, 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.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

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

Reason: In the interest of public health.

4. Details of the proposed landscaping scheme shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to the commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

5. The transmitter power output antennae type and mounting configuration shall be in accordance with the details submitted with the application and notwithstanding the provision of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, any statutory provisions 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 and to facilitate a full assessment of any future alterations.

6. The site shall be reinstated upon the removal of the telecommunication structure and ancillary structures. Details of the reinstatement shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of orderly development.

7. Any change in the ownership of the site or the operator of the structure shall be communicated with the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

8. Where technically possible and subject to normal commercial arrangements the applicant/operators shall facilitate the co-location of antennae for other licenced telecom service providers.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

Paul Hyde

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board.

Dated this day of 2018.