



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Longford County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 19/35

Appeal by Thomas Daly care of Liam Madden, Vitruvius Hibernicus of Convent Road, Longford against the decision made on the 25th day of March, 2019 by Longford County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Cignal Infrastructure Limited care of 4Site of 4Site House, Raheen Business Park, Limerick in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Communications infrastructure comprising of a 24 metre lattice structure, associated equipment and cabinets, fencing, permission for access and access track at Longford Golf Club, Knockahaw, Dublin Road, 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 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 Longford County Development Plan 2015-2021, 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,

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, 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 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. 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.

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. Within six months of the cessation of use of 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.

5. Landscaping of the site shall be carried out in accordance with a landscaping scheme which shall be agreed in writing with the planning authority and which shall include native evergreen and native deciduous species of trees and bushes. The landscaping shall be carried out in the first planting season following commissioning of the structure.

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

6. Where technically possible and subject to the constraints of space and wind-load bearing and subject to normal commercial arrangements, the applicants/operators shall facilitate the co-location of antennae for other licensed telecom service providers.

Reason: In order to preserve and protect the existing visual amenities of the area.

Terry Ó Niadh
Member of An Bord Pleanála
duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.

Dated this day of 2019