



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Meath County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: RA/181060

Appeal by Bracetown Residents Group care of Peter Salama of Paddingstown, Clonee, County Meath against the decision made on the 8th day of May, 2019 by Meath County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Three Ireland (Hutchinson) Limited of 28/29 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

Proposed Development: Construction of a 45 metres high telecommunications support structure carrying antennas and transmission dishes, with associated equipment units, and security fencing, at Bracetown Business Park, Bracetown, Clonee, County Meath. The proposed development was revised by further public notices received by the planning authority on the 15th day of April 2019.

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 improvement of mobile communications services and the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures – Guidelines for Planning Authorities, issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in 1996, and Circular Letter: PL 07/12 Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines, issued by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in 2012,
- (b) the policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2013–2019, for Communications Technology and the extensive enterprise and employment zoning objective for these and adjoining lands,
- (c) the demonstrated need for further telecommunications infrastructure in this area, and
- (d) the existing pattern of development and landscape features in the vicinity of the site,

it is considered that, notwithstanding the scale of the proposed structure and subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the visual or residential amenities of the area and would, otherwise, 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 on the 1st day of April 2019, 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. (a) In the event of the proposed structure becoming obsolete and being decommissioned, the developers shall, at their own expense, remove the mast, antenna and ancillary structures and equipment.
- (b) The site shall be reinstated on removal of the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures. Details relating to the removal and reinstatement shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority at least one month before the removal of the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures and the work shall be completed within three months of the planning authority's approval in writing of these details.

Reason: In the interest of orderly development.

3. 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

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. A low intensity fixed red obstacle light shall be fitted as close to the top of the mast as practicable and shall be visible from all angles in azimuth. Details of this light, its location and period of operation shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of public safety.

6. Details of the proposed colour scheme for the telecommunications structure, ancillary structures 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.

7. No advertisement or advertisement structure shall be erected or displayed on the proposed structure or its appendages or within the curtilage of the site without a prior grant of planning permission.

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

8. The developer shall provide and make available at reasonable terms the proposed lattice support structure for the provision of mobile telecommunications antenna of third party licenced telecommunications operators.

Reason: In the interest of avoidance of multiplicity of telecommunications structures in the area, in the interest of visual amenity and proper planning and sustainable development.

Terry Ó Niadh

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

Dated this day of 2019.