



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Roscommon County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: PD/19/442

Appeal by Eamonn Carty of The Avenue, Ballinlough, County Roscommon against the decision made on the 21st day of October, 2019 by Roscommon County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Shared Access Limited care of Pegasus Group UK of First Floor, South Wing, Equinox North, Great Park Road, Almondsbury, Bristol B532 4QL in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: The erection of a 21-metre monopole to support telecommunications antennae for use by Eir and other operators, which together with the installation of dishes, security fencing and ground based equipment cabinets will provide, 2G, 3G and 4G mobile electronic communication services from the installation at Srah, Ballinlough, County Roscommon.

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 guidelines relating to telecommunications antennas and support structures which were issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government to planning authorities in July, 1996 and as amended by Circular Letter: PL 07/12 issued by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government on the 19th day of October, 2012,
- (b) the Roscommon County Development Plan 2014 – 2020,
- (c) the need to improve telecommunications infrastructure in the locality,

- (d) the general topography and landscape features in the vicinity of the site,
- (e) the separation distance between the site and Ballinlough village and dispersed development, 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 not seriously injure the amenities of the area 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, 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 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.

3. Landscaping of the site shall be carried out in accordance with a landscaping scheme, 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

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

Reason: In the interest of public health.

7. Prior to construction, details of road signage, warning the public of the entrance and of proposals for traffic management at the site entrance during construction stage, shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of traffic safety.

8. On decommissioning of the telecommunications service, or if the service ceases operation for a period of more than one year, the telecommunications structure, associated antennae and related ancillary structures including foundations and access arrangements shall be removed and the site lands shall be reinstated on removal of the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures within three months of decommissioning.

Reason: To ensure satisfactory reinstatement of the site upon cessation of the service.

9. 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 during the construction of the pedestrian access track with respect to boundary hedgerow.

Reason: In the interests of public safety and amenity.

Chris McGarry

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

Dated this day of 2020.