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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019**

**Planning Authority: Donegal County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 19/51352**

**Appeal** by Ramelton Community Group care of Michael Friel Architects of Creeslough, Letterkenny, County Donegal against the decision made on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019 by Donegal 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:** Erection of a new 30-metre multi-user telecommunications support structure with two number headframes carrying 12 number antennas and associated remote radio units, eight number communication dishes, three number lighting finials and 13 number outdoor cabinets, all enclosed within a security compound by a 2.4 metre high palisade fence with a four metre access gate, site access and site works at Coillte forest Drummonaghan Wood, Bridgeend/Drummonaghan, Ramelton, County Donegal.

## **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 the provisions of the Donegal County Development Plan 2018-2024 which support the development of a sustainable telecommunications network throughout the county, and the nature and scale of the development, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the visual amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity. The proposed development 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. 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 prior to the commencement of development.

**Reason:** In the interest of orderly development.

3. No advertisement or advertisement structure shall be erected or displayed on the proposed structure or its appendages or within the curtilage of the site.

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

**Reason:** In the interest of public health.

6. The construction of the development shall be managed in accordance with a Construction and Traffic 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 intended construction practice for the development, including:
  - (a) The location of the site and materials compound, including an area identified for the storage of construction refuse.
  - (b) Details of site security fencing and hoardings.
  - (c) Details of the timing and routing of construction traffic to and from the construction site and associated directional signage, to include proposals to facilitate the delivery of abnormal loads to the site.

- (d) Measures to manage traffic flows on the adjoining road network and obviate queuing of construction traffic, including at the junction of the site access and the R249.
- (e) Details in relation to the management of excavated soil.
- (f) Measures to prevent the spillage or deposit of clay, rubble or other debris on the public road network.

**Reason:** In the interests of amenities and of public health and safety.

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

**Dated this            day of            2020.**