



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Leitrim County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: P. 19/117

Appeal by Ronan McCormack care of ArchEngTech Consulting Limited of Dalton House, Bawn Street, Strokestown, County Roscommon against the decision made on the 19th day of December, 2019 by Leitrim County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Signal 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: Construction of an 18-metre high multi-user lattice telecommunications structure, carrying antenna and dishes enclosed within a 2.4-metre high palisade fence compound, together with new entrance and new access track with associated ground equipment and associated site works at Bohan's Field, Antfield Townland, Aghamore, County Leitrim. Further public notices were received by the planning authority on the 26th day of November, 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 provision of mobile communication services,
- (b) the Guidelines relating to Telecommunication 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 PL 07/12 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 circa 180 metres from the public road,

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, as amended by the further plans and particulars submitted on the 11th day of November, 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 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 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 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 planning application and, notwithstanding the provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, and 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 on 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. Reinstatement shall be deemed to include the grubbing out of the access road created in association with the development permitted herein.

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 to the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

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

Reason: In order to avoid the proliferation of telecommunications structures in the interest of visual amenity.

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

Dated this day of 2020.