



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Wexford County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 20200174

Appeal by Kieran Dunne on behalf of the residents of Sean Browne Court, Crescent and Nolans Lawn of 105 Sean Browne Court, Enniscorthy, Wexford against the decision made on the 15th day of April, 2020 by Wexford County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Vodafone Ireland Limited care of Towercom Limited of Usher House, Main Street, Dundrum, Dublin in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: The replacement of an existing 20 metre high telecommunications support structure with a proposed new telecommunications support structure (overall height of 26.5 metres) carrying the telecommunications equipment transferred from the existing structure and the addition of new telecommunications antennas, dishes and associated equipment together with ground equipment cabinets, new wall and fencing at Bellefield, Enniscorthy, County Wexford.

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 PL07/12 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 Wexford County Development Plan 2013-2019, to support the provision of telecommunications infrastructure,
- (d) the zoning of the site as set out in the Enniscorthy Town and Environs Development Plan 2008-2014 as extended, and
- (e) the established telecommunications support structure on site and 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 or the residential amenities of the area or the amenities 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 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 support structure, ancillary structures and fencing shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity and orderly development.

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

Reason: To avoid a multiplicity of telecommunications structures in the area, in the interests of visual amenity and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

4. Upon completion of the construction of the development, the existing 20 metre high telecommunications structure shall be removed from the site.

Reason: In the interest of orderly development.

5. All lighting proposed within the equipment compound shall be shielded and deflected so as not to cause dazzle outwards onto the public road.

Reason: In the interest of traffic safety.

6. In the event of the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures becoming obsolete and being decommissioned, the developers shall, at their own expense, remove the telecommunications support structure and ancillary structures and equipment from the site and the site shall be reinstated.

Reason: In the interest of orderly development.

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

Reason: In the interest of public health.

Chris McGarry

Member of An Bord Pleanála

**duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.**

Dated this day of 2020.