



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Cork County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 20/06049

Appeal by Pat Beirne and Sue Furney of Ballydineen, Doneraile, County Cork and by Others against the decision made on the 12th day of November, 2020 by Cork 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: To erect a 30 metres telecommunications support structure carrying antenna and dishes and, together with associated ground equipment cabinets and associated equipment, extension to existing access track and site works within a Coillte Forest at Lisnagrough, Doneraile, County Cork.

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 Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines (1996) as updated by Circular Letter PL/07/12, the Cork County Development Plan 2014, the Kanturk Mallow Municipal District Local Area Plan 2017, and the location of the site in the Monaduhanna Wood, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development reflect the advice of the Guidelines with respect to the siting of telecommunication support structures and it would be compatible with the character of the existing landscape and the visual amenities of the area, including residential properties within the area. Access arrangements would be satisfactory and no ecological or water issues would arise. 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. Details of the proposed colour scheme for the telecommunications structure, ancillary structures, fencing and gates 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.

3. Landscaping of the site shall be carried out in accordance with a landscaping scheme, which shall include replacement ash tree planting, 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. 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 intended construction practice for the development, including hours of working, noise management measures, site-specific measures for handling surface water, and traffic management measures, including temporary road signage.

Reason: In the interests of public safety and residential amenity.

5. Tree felling and construction works shall only take place between the months of August and April.

Reason: To prevent disturbance to nesting birds and in the interest of nature conservation.

6. (a) Prior to commencement of development, all trees, groups of trees, hedging and shrubs which are to be retained shall be enclosed within stout fences not less than 1.5 metres in height. This protective fencing shall enclose an area covered by the crown spread of the branches, or at minimum a radius of two metres from the trunk of the tree or the centre of the shrub, and to a distance of two metres on each side of the hedge for its full length, and shall be maintained until the development has been completed.

- (b) No construction equipment, machinery or materials shall be brought onto the site for the purpose of the development until all the trees which are to be retained have been protected by this fencing. No work is shall be carried out within the area enclosed by the fencing and, in particular, there shall be no parking of vehicles, placing of site huts, storage compounds or topsoil heaps, storage of oil, chemicals or other substances, and no lighting of fires, over the root spread of any tree to be retained.

Reason: To protect trees and planting during the construction period in the interest of visual amenity.



Paul Hyde

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

Dated this 10th day of March 2021