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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020**

**Planning Authority: Meath County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: RA/200656**

**Appeal** by Ratoath Athletics Club care of Sinead McGoldrick of Mooretown, Ratoath, County Meath against the decision made on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020 by Meath County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Shared Access Limited care of Richard Morison of Pegasus Group, Ormond Building, 31-36 Ormond Quay Upper, Dublin in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

**Proposed Development:** Retention permission of existing telecommunications equipment on existing floodlight structure, along with full planning for a three metre extension above existing floodlight structure to provide new telecommunications antennas, cabinets, fencing, ancillary communications equipment and all associated site works at Ratoath Sports Campus, Jamestown, Ratoath, County Meath as revised by the further public notices received by the planning authority on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.

## **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 Meath County Development Plan 2013 - 2019 (varied and extended) and the Ratoath Local Area Plan 2009 - 2015 (as extended) the land use zoning objective as open space "to provide for and improve open spaces for active and passive recreational activities and the usage for open space purposes", it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development, which is necessary for the provision of high quality communications and information technology networks in the area, 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 as amended by the further plans and particulars submitted on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020 and 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020 and by the further plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021, 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. The transmitter power output, antenna type and mounting configuration shall be in accordance with the details submitted with this application and, notwithstanding the provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, and any statutory provision 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 to which this permission relates and to facilitate a full assessment of any future alterations.

*DR Maria FitzGerald*

**Maria FitzGerald**

**Member of An Bord Pleanála**

**duly authorised to authenticate**

**the seal of the Board**

Dated this *28<sup>th</sup>* day of *April* 2021

