

An
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Pleanála

Board Order
ABP-309271-21

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Sligo County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: PL 20/380.

Appeal by Cignal Infrastructure Limited care of 4Site of 4Site House, Raheen Business Park, Limerick against the decision made on the 18th day of December, 2020 by Sligo County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Construction of a-24 metre monopole telecommunications support structure carrying antenna and dishes together with associated ground equipment cabinets and associated equipment, access track, fencing and site works at Doonflin Upper, Skreen, County Sligo.

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

In coming to its decision, the Board had regard to the following.

- the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures - Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in July, 1996,
- Circular Letter PL 07/12 issued by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in October, 2012,
- the objectives of the Sligo County Development Plan 2017-2023,
- the nature and scale of the proposed replacement telecoms monopole,
- the submissions and observations received,
- the decision of the planning authority, and
- the report of the Inspector,

and considered that the proposed development, subject to compliance with the conditions as set out below, would achieve the objectives set out in National Policy under the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures - Guidelines for Planning Authorities (1996), Circular Letter PL07/12 and in the current Sligo County Development Plan.

Furthermore, the Board was satisfied that the proposed development having regard to its limited nature and scale would not seriously injure the residential amenities of adjoining properties and would not seriously injure the visual amenities of the area or contravene Policy P-TEL-1 of the Sligo County Development Plan 2017-2023. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to refuse permission, the Board was satisfied that the proposed development, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, would not seriously injure the visual amenities of the area, would not contravene Policy P-TEL-1 and would be in accordance with National, Regional and Local Policy as set out in the reasons and considerations above.

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. A fixed red obstacle light shall be fitted as close to the top of the structure as practicable and shall be visible from all angles in azimuth. Details of this light, its location and period of operation shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority and the Irish Aviation Authority prior to commencement of development.

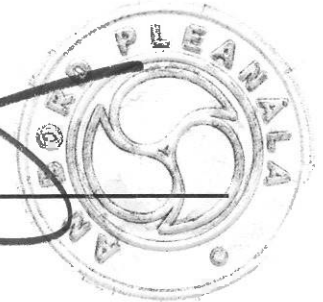
Reason: In the interests of public and aviation safety.



Paul Hyde

Member of An Bord Pleanála

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



Dated this **3rd** day of **June** 2021.