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Board Order
ABP-309370-21

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Westmeath County Council

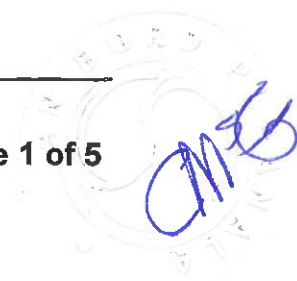
Planning Register Reference Number: 20/7175

Appeal by Helen Claffey and others of Glasson, Athlone, County Westmeath and by others against the decision made on the 13th day of January, 2021 by Westmeath County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Eircom Limited care of Towercom Limited of Tea Lane, Listowel, County Kerry in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Erection of an 18-metre high monopole telecommunications support structure together with antennas, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment, all enclosed in security fencing. All at Eir Exchange, Ballymahon Road, Glasson, County Westmeath.

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 Westmeath County Development Plan 2014 - 2020, to the nature of the established use on site and to the nature and extent of the proposed development, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development, would not seriously injure the amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity, would be acceptable in terms of pedestrian and traffic safety and would constitute an acceptable use at the subject site. 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. The developer shall allow, subject to reasonable terms, other licensed mobile telecommunications operators to co-locate their antennae onto the subject structure.

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

3. 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 prior to the commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of the visual amenities of the area.



4. Landscaping of the site shall be carried out in accordance with a landscaping scheme which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to the commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of the visual amenities of the area.

5. Any equipment erected on the monopole shall not interfere with the existing telecommunications equipment on the site, except with the agreement of other users.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

6. No advertisement or advertisement structure shall be erected or displayed on the proposed structure or its appendages or within the curtilage of the site without a prior grant of planning permission.

Reason: In the interests of the visual amenities of the area.

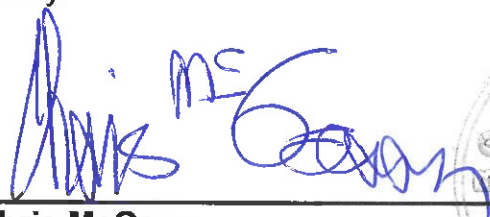
7. A low intensity fixed red obstacle light shall be fitted as close to the top of the mast as practicable and shall be visible from all angles in azimuth. Details of this light, its location and period of operation shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement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

Reason: In the interest of public safety.

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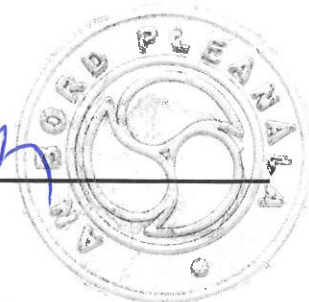
8. On decommissioning of the telecommunications structure, the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures including fencing shall be removed and the site shall be reinstated at the operator's expense.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.



Chris McGarry

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



Dated this ^{1st} day of *June* 2021.