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Pleanála

Board Order  
ABP-309385-21

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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020**

**Planning Authority: Roscommon County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: PD/20/474**

**Appeal** by Eircom Limited care of Towercom of Usher House, Main Street, Dundrum, Dublin against the decision made on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021 by Roscommon County Council to refuse permission to Eircom Limited in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

**Proposed Development:** Development which will consist of the installation of a 20 metres telecommunications support structure (overall height of 21.5 metres) carrying antennas, dishes, associated equipment, together with ground based equipment cabinets and new fencing for wireless data and broadband services at Eir Exchange, Green Street, Boyle, County Roscommon.

## **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:

- (a) the "Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines for Planning Authorities" issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in July, 1996,
- (b) Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures and Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government Circular Letter PL 07/12,
- (c) the objectives as set out in the current Development Plan for the area,
- (d) the nature and scale of the proposed replacement telecoms antenna,
- (e) the submissions and observations received,
- (f) the decision of the planning authority,
- (g) the report of the Inspector,

and considered that the proposed development, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, would comply with the objectives set out in National Policy under the Telecommunications Antennae and Support

Structures Guidelines for Planning Authorities (1996) and the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures and Circular Letter PL 07/12 and the Development Plan. The Board was satisfied that the proposed development, having regard to its limited nature and scale at the existing Eir Exchange, would not seriously injure the residential amenities of adjoining properties and would not seriously injure the visual amenities of the area. 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 having regard to the guidelines for planning authorities relating to "Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures" issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in July, 1996, and on the basis of the submissions made in connection with the application and the appeal, the applicant has demonstrated the need for the proposed telecommunications structure at this location.. Furthermore, the Board was satisfied that the development would not seriously injure the visual amenities of the area or the residential amenities of property in the vicinity, nor would it militate against the future development of surrounding lands.

## 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 condition. 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 materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed development shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development

**Reason:** In the interest of visual amenity.

3. 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.

4. 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 commencement of development.

**Reason:** To enable the impact of the development to be re-assessed, having regard to changes in technology and design during the specified period.

  
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Paul Hyde

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

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.

