



An  
Bord  
Pleanála

Board Order  
ABP-309459-21

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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020**

**Planning Authority: Cork City Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 2039672**

**Appeal** by Eircom Limited (trading as eir) care of Towercom of Usher House, Main Street, Dundrum, Dublin against the decision made on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2021 by Cork City Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

**Proposed Development:** Erect a 21 metres high monopole telecommunications support structure together with antennas, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment at eir Exchange, Shean Lower, Blarney, 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 National Development Plan 2018 – 2027, the National Planning Framework, the ‘Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines for Planning Authorities’ (1996), as updated by Circular Letter PL/07/12, the Cork County Development Plan 2014 – 2020, the Blarney - Mallow Municipal District Local Area Plan 2017, and the location of the site in the grounds of Blarney telephone exchange, it is considered that, subject to conditions, the proposed development would improve the coverage and capacity of mobile telecommunication and broadband services in line with national and local planning objectives. The site selected is appropriate, in principle, for this proposal, and the siting of it reflects the advice of the Guidelines with respect to the siting of telecommunication support structures. The amenities of the area would not be unduly affected, and no Appropriate Assessment issues would arise. The proposed 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, as amended by the further plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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. 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 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.

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.

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

5. 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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**Paul Hyde**

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

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021