

Board Order ABP-309587-21

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Roscommon County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: PD/20/377

Appeal by John and Shauna Nevin of Toberiheen, Ballydangan, Athlone, County Roscommon against the decision made on the 11th day of February, 2021 by Roscommon County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Cignal Infrastructure Limited care of 4Site, Raheen Business Park, Limerick in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Construction of a 30 metre high multi-user lattice tower telecommunications structure, carrying antenna and dishes enclosed within a 2.4 metre high palisade fence compound with associated ground equipment and associated site works at Toberiheen Townland, Ballydangan, 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

Having regard to the following:

- (a) the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures ~ Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of Environment and Local Government in 1996,
- (b) the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures and Department and Environment, Community and Local Government Circular Letter PL07/12.
- (c) the objectives of the Roscommon County Development Plan 2014 and in particular policies 4.65 to 4.71.
- (d) the nature and scale and location of the proposed telecommunication lattice tower mast.
- (e) the submissions and observations received, and
- (f) the decision of the planning authority,

it is considered that the proposed development, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, would be in accordance with the objectives set out in National Policy and the Roscommon County Development Plan, would not seriously injure the visual or residential amenities of the area, would not result in a traffic hazard and would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

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.

 The proposed mast and all associated antennas, equipment and fencing shall be demolished and removed from site when it is no longer required. The site shall be reinstated to its predevelopment condition at the expense of the developer.

Reason: In the interest of orderly development.

3. The antennae 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.

4. 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.

 Details of the proposed colour scheme for the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures 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.

 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 interest of the visual amenities of the area.

Paul Hyde

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

Dated this 16th day of we 2021.

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