

Board Order ABP-309598-21

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Waterford City and County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 19/523

Appeal by Cignal Infrastructure Limited care of CMC Planning Consultants of Fumbally Exchange, Argus House, Blackpitts, Dublin against the decision made on the 5th day of August, 2020 by Waterford City and County Council to refuse a licence.

Licence Application: Streetpole solution to address identified mobile and mobile broadband blackspots at the junction of Saint John's Hill and The Folly, Waterford City.

Decision

In exercise of the powers conferred on it under section 254 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, An Bord Pleanála, directs the planning authority to grant a licence, 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 section 254 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, national and local policy objectives as set out in the Waterford City Development Plan 2013-2019, and the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government in 1996, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would be consistent with the relevant provisions of the development plan, would not impede the convenience and safety of road users, including pedestrians, and would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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Conditions

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 submitted to the planning authority on the 10th day of February 2020, 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. (a) This licence shall apply for a period of 10 years from the date of this Order. The telecommunications structure and related ancillary structures shall then be removed unless, prior to the end of the period, continuance shall have been granted for their retention for a further period.
 - (b) 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 at least one month before the date of expiry of this licence.

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

3. The antenna type and mounting configuration shall be in accordance with the details submitted with this application for a licence, 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 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. Surface water drainage arrangements for the proposed development shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

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.

 Details of the proposed colour scheme for the pole, antennas, equipment containers shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

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

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

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

Michelle Fagan

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

Dated this 28 day of Jvh 2021.