

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Sligo County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: PL 20/434

Appeal by Eircom Limited (trading as eir) care of Towercom Limited of Usher House, Main Street, Dundrum, Dublin against the decision made on the 17th day of February, 2021 by Sligo County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: An erection of a 20 metres high telecommunications lattice structure together with antennas, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment all enclosed in security fencing at a site at eir Exchange, Creevykeel, Cliffoney, County Sligo.

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 national policy regarding the provision of mobile and telecommunications services,
- (b) the guidelines relating to Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines for Planning Authorities, issued by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in July, 1996,
- (c) Circular Letter PL07/12, issued by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in October, 2012,
- (d) the policies and objectives set out in Sligo County Development Plan 2017 – 2023 including policy P-TEL-1,
- (e) the nature and scale of the proposed telecoms lattice mast,
- (f) the submissions and observations received,
- (g) the decision of the planning authority, and

(h) the report of the Inspector,

and considered that the proposed development, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, would achieve the objectives set out in national policy under the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines for Planning Authorities, Circular Letter PL07/12 and in the Sligo County Development Plan. Furthermore, the Board was satisfied that the proposed development having regard to its limited nature and scale set against the context of the existing telecoms mast at the eir Exchange would not seriously injure the visual amenities of the area or be visually incongruous and would not detract from the surrounding rural landscape. 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 the proposed development would be absorbed into the surrounding landscape and it is considered that the proposed structure would not constitute an obtrusive and incongruous form of development .

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.

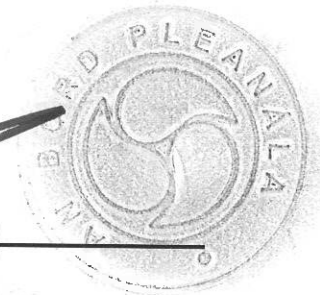
2. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed development shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.


Paul Hyde

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.



Dated this 28th day of MAY 2021