

Board Order ABP-309982-21

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Wexford County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 20210168

Appeal by Bridget Breen and others care of 53 Cois Meara, Rosslare Strand, County Wexford against the decision made on the 26th day of March, 2021 by Wexford County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Eir (Eircom Limited) care of FocusPlus Limited of 3 Arbourfield House, Dundrum Business Park, Windy Arbour, Dublin in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

Proposed Development: Permission for construction of an 18 metre high free standing communications structure with its associated antennae, communication dishes and ground equipment at site at Eircom Exchange, Station Road, Rosslare, County Wexford.

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

- (a) the National Planning Framework Project Ireland 2040,
- the national strategy regarding the improvement of mobile communications services,
- (c) the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in July, 1996, as updated by Circular Letter PL 07/12 issued by the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government on the 19th day of October, 2012 under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended,
- (d) 8 the policy of the planning authority as set out in the Wexford County Development Plan 2013-2019, as extended, to support the provision of telecommunications and broadband infrastructure,
- (d) the established use of the site,

- (e) the potential for sharing of the structure and site with other operators, and
- (f) the general topography of the site and environs alongside a railway station and orientation of residential properties within the vicinity of the proposed development,

it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the visual or residential amenities of the area, would not be prejudicial to public health 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.

2. The site shall be landscaped in accordance with details as agreed with larnród Eireann, which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Any plants which die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased, within a period of five years from the completion of the development, shall be replaced within the next planting season with

others of similar size and species, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the planning authority.

Reason: In order to screen the development and assimilate it into the surrounding rural landscape, in the interest of visual amenity.

Prior to commencement of development, details of the proposed colour 3. scheme for the additional installations shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity and orderly development.

4. No advertising signage shall be erected on the mast, or ancillary equipment.

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 2 day of