

Board Order ABP-310185-21

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Galway County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 20/1082

Appeal by James Moran care of James Roche of 66 Forster Street, Galway against the decision made on the 14th day of April, 2021 by Galway County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Eircom Limited care of Entrust Limited of Unit 3F Deerpark Business Centre, Oranmore, County Galway in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

Proposed Development: Removal of an existing 12 metres telecommunication support structure together with telecommunications equipment on it and replacement with a new 20 metres telecommunications support structure (overall height of 21.5 metres) carrying antennas, dishes, associated equipment, together with ground-based equipment cabinets and new fencing for wireless data and broadband services at Eir Exchange, N59 Road, Rosscahill West, Rosscahill, County Galway.



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 matters:

- (a) the provisions of the Galway County Development Plan 2015–2021,
- (b) the guidelines relating to Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures which were issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government to planning authorities in July 1996,
- (c) Circular Letter PL/07/12, issued by the Department of the Environment,
 Community and Local Government in October 2012,
- (d) Circular Letter PL/01/2018, issued by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in February 2018,
- (e) the planning history of the site,

- (f) the nature and scale of the proposed development.
- (g) the submissions and observations received,
- (h) the planning officers report and decision of the planning authority, and
- (i) the report of the Planning Inspector,

the Board considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would be acceptable in terms of the visual amenity of the area and would not seriously injure the residential amenities of adjoining properties. The proposed development, 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, as amended by the further plans and particulars submitted on the 19th day of March 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. The proposed development shall be amended as follows:

(a) The design of the support structure shall be amended to provide a

monopole or slimmer structure.

(b) The colour of the support structure shall be dark fir green.

Revised drawings showing compliance with these requirements shall be

submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to

commencement of development.

Reason: In the interests of visual and residential amenity.

3. All trees and existing stone wall boundaries shall be retained and

maintained on the site and shall be protected during the construction

works.

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

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.

 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 23th day of Masses 2021.