

Board Order ABP-310303-21

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Wicklow County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 21/248

Appeal by Cignal Infrastructure Limited care of 4 Site, 4 Site House, Raheen Business Park, Limerick against the decision made on the 26th day of April, 2021 by Wicklow County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Permission to construct a 30 metre high multi-user lattice tower telecommunications structure, carrying antenna and dishes enclosed within a 2.4 metre high palisade fence compound together with associated ground equipment and associated site works including new access track at Coillte Djouce Woods, Deerpark Townland (Ed Powerscourt), County Wicklow.

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.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to national policy to improve connectivity and telecommunications infrastructure in rural communities, to the objectives set out in the current Wicklow County Development Plan to facilitate the improvement of telecommunications provision in the County, to the demonstrated need and justification for the development, to the revised design submitted to the Board with the appeal, to the proximity of existing vehicular access to the site, the location of the application site within commercial forestry where screening is available, and subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, it is considered that the proposed development would contribute to the improvement of telecommunications in the area, would be in accordance with the objectives set out in the current Wicklow County Development Plan, would not have an unacceptable impact on the visual or residential amenities of the area and would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. 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 received by An Bord Pleanála on the 21st day of May 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. Surface water drainage arrangements for the proposed development shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

 Details of the design and proposed colour scheme for the telecommunications structure, ancillary structures and fencing shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to the 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.

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

Patricia Calleary

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

Dated this 116 day of May 2022.