



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Louth County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 21256

Appeal by Termonfeckin Development Board of Glencoo, Strand Road, Termonfeckin, County Louth and by Signal Infrastructure Limited care of 4Site of 4Site House, Raheen Business Park, Limerick against the decision made on the 30th day of April, 2021 by Louth County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Eircom Limited care of Towercom of Tea Lane, Listowel, County Kerry in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

Proposed Development: Proposed development to erect a 21-metre-high monopole telecommunications support structure together with antennas, dishes and associated equipment all enclosed in security fencing, all at Eir Exchange, Baltray Road, Termonfeckin, County Louth.

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 “Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures – Guidelines for Planning Authorities”, issued by the Department of Environment and Local Government in 1996,
- (b) the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines and the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government Circular Letter PL07/12,
- (c) the objectives of the Louth County Development Plan 2015-2021,
- (d) the nature, scale and location of the proposed telecommunication structure,
- (e) the submissions and observations received, and
- (f) the decision of the planning authority,

it is considered that the proposed development, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, would achieve the objectives, as set out in National Policy and in the Louth County Development Plan 2015 - 2021. It is further considered that the proposed development would not seriously injure the visual or residential amenities of the area and 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 is satisfied, having regard to its location within an existing and established Eircom telecommunications exchange and its function as a replacement/upgrade of an existing 12 metre mast, that the proposed development is located in a highly suitable and appropriate location for the purposes of providing 2G, 3G and 4G coverage in the area.

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. The proposed mast and all associated antennas, equipment and fencing shall be demolished and removed from site when they are no longer required. The site shall be reinstated to its pre-development condition at the expense of the developer.

Reason: In the interest of orderly development.

3. The antennae type and mounting configuration shall be in accordance with the details submitted with this application 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 planning 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. 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.

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

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

6. 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 16th day of August 2021.