

An
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Pleanála

Board Order
ABP-310584-21

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Longford County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 21/94

Appeal by Cignal Infrastructure Limited care of 4Site, 4Site House, Raheen Business Park, Limerick against the decision made on the 24th day of May, 2021 by Longford County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Eircom Limited (trading as eir) care of Towercom Limited of Usher House, Main Street, Dundrum, Dublin in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

Proposed Development: Erection of a 24 metres high lattice telecommunications support structure together with antennas, dishes and ancillary works all enclosed in security fencing, and removal of the existing 15 metres high monopole at the eir Exchange, Templemichael Business Park, Ballinalee Road, Longford, County Longford.

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 provisions of the Longford County Development Plan 2021-2027, and in particular the location of the proposed development in an area zoned for Industrial/Commercial/Warehousing uses, and
- (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,

the Board considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development, which is necessary for the provision of high quality communications and information technology networks in the area, would not seriously injure the amenities of the area, and would 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, 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 developer shall allow, subject to reasonable terms, other licensed mobile telecommunications operators to co-locate their antennae onto the subject structure.

Reason: In order to avoid the proliferation of telecommunications structures in the interests of visual amenity.

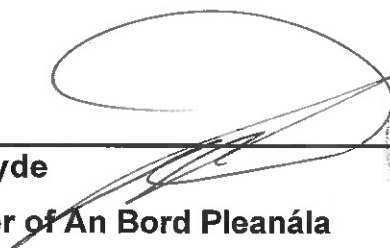


3. Equipment erected on the lattice tower shall not interfere with existing telecommunications equipment in the area, except with the agreement of other users.

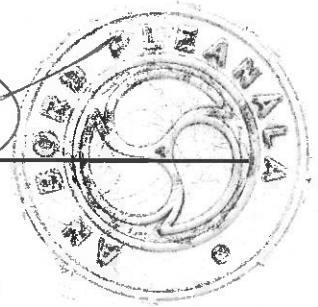
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4. When the structure is no longer required, it shall be demolished, removed and the site re-instated at the operators' expense.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.



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



Dated this *20th* day of *December* 2021.