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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021**

**Planning Authority: Donegal County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 21/51117**

**Appeal** by Vodafone Ireland Limited trading as Vodafone care of Entrust Limited of Unit 1D, Deerpark Business Centre, Oranmore, County Galway against the decision made on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021 by Donegal County Council to refuse a permission for the proposed development.

**Proposed Development:** The removal of two number existing 10 metres wooden pole structures and associated equipment (13 metres overall height) and installation of a replacement 21 metres monopole structure (22.5 metres overall height) along with the installation of antennae, dishes, equipment cabinets, cable ladders, fencing and ancillary development thereto for enhanced wireless data and broadband services at Eir Exchange, Foyle View Point, Carrowkeel, Quigleys Point, Lifford, County Donegal.

Further plans and particulars were submitted with the planning appeal received by An Bord Pleanála on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021 reducing the proposed height of the proposal from 21 metres to 18 metres (19.5 metres overall height).

## **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 provisions of the County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024, the 'Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines for Planning Authorities' issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in 1996 and the associated Circular Letter PL/07/12, the existing pattern and character of development in the area and the nature and scale 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 amenities or built heritage of the area, would not seriously injure the amenities of property in the vicinity, and would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience. The proposed development 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 proposing a structure height of 18 metres (overall height 19.5 metres) received by An Bord Pleanála on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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. 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.

3. The developer shall allow, subject to reasonable terms, other licensed mobile telecommunications operators to co-locate their antennae onto the proposed mast.

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

4. Surface water drainage arrangements shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services.

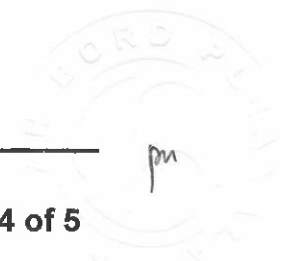
**Reason:** In the interest of public health.

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. The proposed monopole structure and all associated antennae, equipment and fencing shall be demolished and removed from the site when it is no longer required. The site shall be reinstated to its predevelopment condition at the expense of the developer.

**Reason:** In the interest of orderly development.



7. The construction of the development shall be managed in accordance with a Construction Traffic Management Plan, which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This plan shall provide details of the timing and routing of construction traffic to and from the construction site, associated directional signage, proposals to facilitate the delivery of abnormal loads to the site, and to measures to obviate queuing of construction traffic on the adjoining road network.

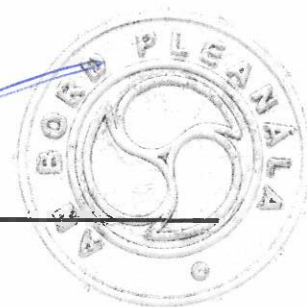
**Reason:** In the interests of public safety and residential amenity.



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Paul Hyde

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



Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022