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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021**

**Planning Authority: Meath County Council**

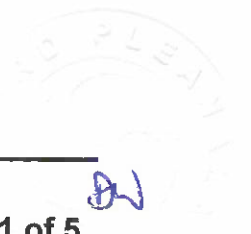
**Planning Register Reference Number: 21/1542**

**Appeal** by Eir (Eircom Limited) care of Towercom of Usher House, Main Street, Dundrum, Dublin against the decision made on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2021 by Meath County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

**Proposed Development:** The construction of multi-operator telecommunications infrastructure comprised of: a 21 metre monopole (overall structure height of 22.5 metres), antennas, dishes and associated equipment, together with ground level equipment cabinets, fencing and landscaping at Eir Exchange, Ross, Tara, County Meath.

## **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 Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027 and the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government Section 28 Statutory Guidelines: "Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures: Guidelines for Planning Authorities, 1996, as updated by circular letter PL 07/12 in 2012, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not be visually intrusive, would not impact on the setting of a protected structure or seriously injure the amenities of the area, protected views or to the residential amenities of properties in the vicinity, would not be prejudicial to public health 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, 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. (a) In the event of the proposed structure becoming obsolete and being decommissioned, the developers shall, at their own expense, remove the mast, antenna and ancillary structures and equipment.
- (b) The site shall be reinstated on removal of the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures. Details relating to the removal and reinstatement shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority at least one month before the removal of the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures and the work shall be completed within three months of the planning authority's approval in writing of these details.

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

3. The transmitter power output, antenna 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. Surface water drainage arrangements for the proposed development shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority.

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

5. Details of the 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 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.

7. The developer shall provide and make available at reasonable terms the proposed support structure for the provision of mobile telecommunications antenna of third-party licenced telecommunications operators.

**Reason:** In the interest of avoidance of multiplicity of telecommunications structures in the area, in the interest of visual amenity and proper planning and sustainable development.



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**Dave Walsh**

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

Dated this *7<sup>th</sup>* day of *March* 2022.