



An  
Bord  
Pleanála

Board Order  
ABP-312014-21

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Sligo County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: FP 355

**Appeal** by Cignal Infrastructure Limited care of David Mulcahy Planning Consultants Limited of 67 The Old Mill Race, Athgarvan, County Kildare against the decision made on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023 by Sligo County Council Council to refuse a licence to Cignal Infrastructure Limited.

**Licence Application:** Telecommunications mast and cabinet at Colgagh, Calry, Country Sligo.

### Decision

In exercise of the powers conferred on it under section 254 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, An Bord Pleanála, directs the planning authority to GRANT a licence, based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the conditions set out below.

## REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to refuse permission, the Board had regard to the provisions of section 254 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, and to national, regional and local policy objectives, as represented in the Sligo County Development Plan 2017-2023 including, in particular, section 11.2.2 and objectives P-TEL-1 and P-TEL-2, and the Department of 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. In its deliberations the Board considered the totality of material provided on the file including maps and visual impact assessment and considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not be visually intrusive or seriously obtrusive to the amenities of the area or the residential amenities of property in the vicinity. 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, 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) This licence shall apply for a period of five years from the date of this Order. The telecommunications structure and related ancillary structures shall then be removed unless, prior to the end of the period, continuance shall have been granted for their retention for a further period.
- (b) In the event of the telecommunications structure and related ancillary structures becoming obsolete and being decommissioned the site shall be reinstated. 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 date of expiry of this licence.

**Reason:** To enable the impact of the development to be re-assessed, having regard to changes in technology and design during the specified period.

3. The antenna type and mounting configuration shall be in accordance with the details submitted with this application for a licence, 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 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 pole, antennas, equipment containers shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

**Reason:** In the interest of the visual amenity of the area.

6. The proposal shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements of the planning authority for such works.

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

7. Prior to commencement of development, details of foundations for the proposed structure along with design calculations shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority.

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

8. No advertisement or advertisement structure shall be erected or displayed on the proposed structure or within the curtilage of the site without a prior grant of planning permission.

**Reason:** In the interest of the visual amenity of the area.

  
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Stephen Brophy

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

Dated this 21 day of March 2023.