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Board Order  
ABP-312206-21

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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021**

**Planning Authority: Mayo County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 21/877**

**Appeal** by Terence and Valerie Gallagher of Palm Cottage, Polranny, Achill, County Mayo against the decision made on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021 by Mayo County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Eircom Limited care of Entrust Limited of Unit 1D, Deerpark Business Centre, Oranmore, County Galway in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

**Proposed Development:** Removal of two number existing telecommunication poles and replacement with a new 18-metre monopole carrying antennas, a dish, a relocated grid antenna, a relocated dish, associated equipment, ground-based equipment cabinets and all associated site development works. The development will provide for wireless data and broadband services, all at Eir Exchange, R319 Road, Pollranny, Achill Sound, Westport, County Mayo.

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## **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.**

## **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to the National Planning Framework (2018), the provisions of the Mayo County Development Plan 2022-2028, the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines for Planning Authorities published by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in July 1996, and Circular Letter PL07/12, the existing telecommunications infrastructure on site, the established use of the site for telecommunications purposes, and the scale and design of the proposed development, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would be in accordance with National Policy for telecommunications infrastructure and the Mayo County Development Plan 2022-2028, and would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

## Conditions

1. The proposed 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 received by the planning authority on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 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 proposed development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

**Reason:** In the interest of clarity.

2. Within four weeks of the commissioning of the proposed 18-metre-high monopole structure, the two existing telecommunications poles shall be dismantled and removed from the site.

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

3. When the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures are no longer required, they shall be removed, and the site shall be reinstated at the developer's expense in accordance with a scheme to be agreed in writing with the planning authority as soon as practicable.

**Reason:** In the interest of protecting the landscape.

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 the 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, 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.

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

7. The construction of the proposed development shall be managed in accordance with a construction 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 intended construction practice for the proposed development, including hours of working, noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

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

8. The developer shall pay to the planning authority a financial contribution in respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefiting development in the area of the planning authority that is provided or intended to be provided by or on behalf of the authority in accordance with the terms of the Development Contribution Scheme made under section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The contribution shall be paid prior to commencement of development or in such phased payments as the planning authority may facilitate and shall be subject to any applicable indexation provisions of the Scheme at the time of payment. Details of the application of the terms of the Scheme shall be agreed between the planning authority and the developer or, in default of such agreement, the matter shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála to determine the proper application of the terms of the Scheme.

**Reason:** It is a requirement of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that a condition requiring a contribution in accordance with the Development Contribution Scheme made under section 48 of the Act be applied to the permission.

  
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**Stephen Brophy**

**Member of An Bord Pleanála**

**duly authorised to authenticate  
the seal of the Board.**

Dated this *14<sup>th</sup>* day of *June* 2023.

