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**Board Order  
ABP-312350-22**

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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021**

**Planning Authority: Mayo County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: P20/1017**

**Appeal** by Dominic Conway and others of Convent Road, Claremorris, County Mayo against the decision made on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021 by Mayo County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Vodafone Ireland Limited/Towercom Limited care of Entrust Limited Company of Unit 3F Deerpark Business Centre, Oranmore, County Galway in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

**Proposed Development:** The installation of a six-metre extension to an existing 36-metre-high telecommunications support structure with relocated lightning finials (overall height 43.5 metres), carrying antennas, dishes and associated equipment, ground-based equipment cabinets and new fencing for wireless data and broadband services, all at Eir Exchange, Convent Road, Claremorris, County Mayo.

## **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.**

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## Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

- (a) the "Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures" Guidelines, issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in July 1996, as updated by Circular Letter PL7/2012 issued by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012;
- (b) the policy of the planning authority, as set out in the Mayo County Development Plan 2022 - 2028 to support the provision of telecommunications infrastructure;
- (c) the general topography and townscape features in the vicinity of the site; and
- (d) the existing pattern of development in the vicinity,

it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not adversely impact upon the amenities of the area and would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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## Conditions

1. The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application and by further plans and particulars received by the planning authority on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021, except as may otherwise be required 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. Details of the proposed colour scheme for the telecommunications extension, 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.

3. Surface water drainage arrangements for the proposed development shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority.

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

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4. The construction of the extension 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 traffic management during the construction phase, details of intended construction practice for the development, including hours of working, noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste, as well as protective measures to be employed with respect to the boundary hedgerows.

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

5. Within six months of the cessation of use, the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures shall be removed, and the site shall be reinstated. Details relating to the removal and reinstatement 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. All trees and hedgerows within and on the boundaries of the site shall be retained and maintained, except for the following:
  - (a) Specific trees, the removal of which is authorised in writing by the planning authority to facilitate the development.
  - (b) Trees which are agreed in writing by the planning authority to be dead, dying, or dangerous through disease or storm damage, following submission of a qualified tree surgeon's report, and which shall be replaced with agreed specimens.

Retained trees and hedgerows shall be protected from damage during construction works. Within a period of six months following the substantial completion of the proposed development, any planting which is damaged, or dies shall be replaced with others of similar size and species, together with replacement planting required under paragraph (b) of this condition.

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

  
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**Eamonn James Kelly**

**Member of An Bord Pleanála**

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

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.