

Board Order ABP 312843-22

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Tipperary County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 21/1768

Appeal by Vantage Towers Limited care of Charterhouse Infrastructure Consultants of Unit 2, Listowel Business Centre, Clieveragh Industrial Estate, Listowel, County Kerry against the decision made on the 4th day of February, 2022 by Tipperary County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Erection of a 30 metre high lattice telecommunications support structure together with antennas, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment all enclosed in security fencing with an extension to an existing access track at Monroe West Townland, Ardfinnan, County Tipperary.

Decision

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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) Policy 6-6 of the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022 2028,
- (b) the National Development Plan 2018 2027,
- (c) National Policy Objective 48 of the National Planning Framework 2020 2040,
- (d) Objective RPO 137 of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Southern Region, and
- (e) the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in July 2006, as revised by Circular Letter PL 07/12,

it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would contribute to the roll out of broadband services in accordance with national, regional, and local objectives. Subject to the respecification of a monopole structure, the townscape and visual impacts of the development of the site would be compatible with the amenities of the area. The proposed access arrangements would be satisfactory. No appropriate assessment issues would arise. 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 received by An Bord Pleanála on the 22nd day of February 2022 and the 7th day of July, 2023, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions. Where such conditions require

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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.

 The proposed development shall entail the erection of a 30 metre high monopole structure as shown in the further plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanala on the 7th day of July 2023.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt, and in the interest of visual amenity.

 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.

4. The developer shall allow, subject to reasonable terms, other licensed mobile telecommunications operators to co-locate their antennae onto the telecommunications structure, subject to the provisions of Class 31 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to Article 6 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended.

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

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5. On decommissioning of the telecommunications structure, the structure and all ancillary structures shall be removed, and the site reinstated within three months of the date of decommissioning.

Reason: In the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Martina Hennessy

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

Dated this Zuday of Juneary

2024