



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order
ABP-312905-22

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Donegal County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 21/52421

Appeal by Eircom Limited (trading as eir) care of Towercom Limited of Usher House, Main Street, Dundrum, Dublin against the decision made on the 3rd day of February, 2022 by Donegal County Council to refuse permission to Eircom Limited (trading as eir) for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Replacement of a 20-metre-high telecommunications structure with a 24-metre lattice telecommunications structure together with antennas, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment, all at the Eir Exchange, Drumaneany, Fintown, County Donegal.

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 provisions of the County Donegal Development Plan 2018 - 2024, to the "Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines for Planning Authorities" issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in 1996 and the associated Circular Letter PL 07/12, to the existing pattern and character of development in the area and to the nature and scale of the proposed development, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the amenities of the area, would not seriously injure the amenities of property in the vicinity and would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience. 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. 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.

3. The developer shall allow, subject to reasonable terms, other licensed mobile telecommunications operators to co-locate their antennae onto the proposed mast.

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

4. Surface water drainage arrangements shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

5. Details of the proposed colour scheme for the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures 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. The proposed structure and all associated antennae, equipment and fencing shall be demolished and removed from the site when it is no longer required. The site shall be reinstated to its predevelopment condition at the expense of the developer.

Reason: In the interest of orderly development.

7. The construction of the development shall be managed in accordance with a Construction Traffic 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 the timing and routing of construction traffic to and from the construction site, associated directional signage, proposals to facilitate the delivery of abnormal loads to the site, and to measures to obviate queuing of construction traffic on the adjoining road network.

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

8. Landscaping of the site shall be carried out in accordance with a landscaping scheme, which 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.



John Connolly

Member of An Bord Pleanála

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

Dated this 24th day of MAY 2022.