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Board Order  
ABP-313434-22

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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority: Roscommon County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: PD/21/140**

**Appeal** by Eircom Limited (trading as Eir) care of Towercom of Usher House, Main Street, Dundrum, Dublin against the decision made on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2022 by Roscommon County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

**Proposed Development:** Erect a 20 metre high lattice telecommunications support structure together with antennas, dishes and associated equipment all enclosed in security fencing at Eir Exchange, Alderford Townland, Ballyfarnon, County Roscommon, as revised by the further public notices received by the planning authority on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

## **Decision**

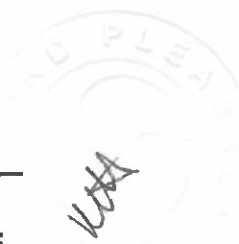
**GRANT permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the said plans and particulars based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the conditions set out below.**

## Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to: -

- (a) the Roscommon County Development Plan 2022-2028,
- (b) the Department of the 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,
- (c) Circular letter PL 03/2018,
- (d) the distance between the proposed telecommunications structure and sensitive receptors, including residences, archaeological sites, and 'Scenic View V1',
- (e) the nature and scale of the proposed telecommunication structure, and
- (f) the demonstrated need for the telecommunications infrastructure at this location,

it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not be visually intrusive or seriously injure the amenities of the area or the residential amenities of properties in the vicinity, would not be prejudicial to public health, would not have a significant impact on ecology or on European sites in the vicinity and 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 further plans and particulars received by the planning authority on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2022, 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.

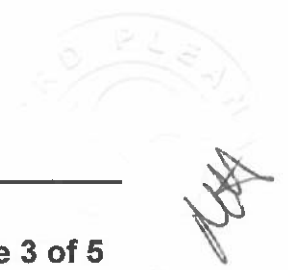
**Reason:** In the interest of clarity.

2. The developer shall provide and make available at reasonable terms, the proposed support structure for the provision of mobile telecommunications antenna of third-party licenced telecommunications operators.

**Reason:** In the interest of avoidance of multiplicity of telecommunications structures in the area, in the interest of visual amenity and the proper planning and sustainable development.

3. Within six months of the cessation of the use of the telecommunications structure, all structures shall be removed from the site, and the site shall be reinstated at the operator'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. The trees which form the boundary of the compound shall be retained. Any trees which die, or which become diseased, shall be replaced with trees of a similar height.

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

5. Prior to commencement of development, details of supplementary tree planting along the northern boundary of the site, as indicated on the Site Layout Plan – Proposed drawing number TRN5021-PL-5.0 received by An Bord Pleanála on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022, shall be agreed in writing with the planning authority.

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

5. The wooden pole shall be removed from the site within six months of the new telecommunications support structure becoming operational.

**Reason:** In the interest of avoidance of multiplicity of telecommunications structures in the area, in the interest of visual amenity and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

7. 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.

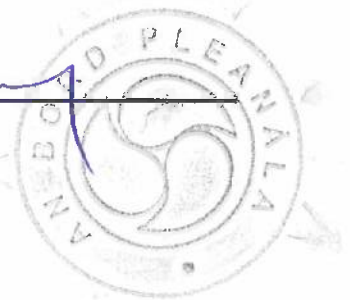
8. No advertisement or advertisement structure shall be erected or displayed on the proposed structure or its appendages or within the curtilage of the site.

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

9. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0800 to 1900 Mondays to Fridays inclusive, between 0800 to 1400 hours on Saturdays and not at all on Sundays and public holidays. Deviation from these times will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances where prior written approval has been received from the Planning Authority.

**Reason:** In order to safeguard the residential amenities of property in the vicinity.

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



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