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Board Order
ABP-313690-22

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Cork County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 22/00171

Appeal by Signal Ireland Limited care of Indigo of 4Site House, Raheen Business Park, Limerick against the decision made on the 4th day of May, 2022 by Cork County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: Installation of a 30-metre multi-user telecommunications support structure, carrying antenna and dishes enclosed within a 2.4-metre-high palisade fenced compound together with associated ground equipment cabinets and associated site works, including a new access track on Coillte forestry lands, all at Baurnahulla, Drimoleague, County Cork.

Decision

GRANT permission for the above proposed development based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the conditions set out below.

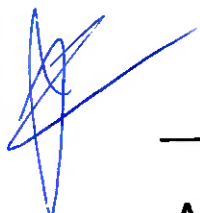
Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the design and scale of the proposed development, the location of the site in a wooded area and its location relative to identified scenic routes and high amenity landscapes, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would be consistent with the provisions of the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines and the Cork County Development Plan 2022-2028, would not have a significant impact on the character of the existing landscape and the visual amenities of the area, or on the amenities of residential properties in the vicinity. The Board also concluded that the proposed development does not fall within a class of development set out in Part 1 or Part 2, Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and, therefore, no preliminary examination or environmental impact assessment is required. The proposed development 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, 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. The developer shall allow, subject to reasonable terms, other licensed mobile telecommunications operators to co-locate their antennae onto the subject structure.

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

3. Details of the proposed colour scheme for the telecommunications structure, ancillary structures, fencing and gates 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. (a) In the event of the proposed structure becoming obsolete and being decommissioned, the developer shall, at its own expense, remove the mast, antenna and ancillary structures and equipment.
(b) The site shall be reinstated on removal of the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures. Details relating to the removal and reinstatement shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority at least one month before the removal of the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures and the work shall be completed within three months of the planning authority's approval in writing of these details.

Reason: In the interest of orderly development.



5. The antennae type and mounting configuration shall be in accordance with the details submitted with the application and, notwithstanding the provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and any statutory provision amending or replacing them, shall not be altered without a prior grant of planning permission.

Reason: To clarify the nature and extent of the permitted development to which the permission relates and to facilitate a full assessment of any future alterations.



Joe Boland

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

Dated this 24TH day of October 2023.