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Board Order
ABP-313908-22

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Cork County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 22/00246

Appeal by Eircom Limited care of Towercom Limited of Usher House, Main Street, Dundrum, Dublin against the decision made on the 31st day of May, 2022 by Cork County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Replacement of an existing 10-metre-high telecommunications wooden pole with a 15-metre-high telecommunications monopole together with antennas, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment, all at Eir Exchange, New Road, Bournahulla, 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.

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Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the design and scale of the proposed development, the established use of the site in Drimoleague Village 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 (1996), as updated by Circular Letter PL07/12, and the Cork County Development Plan 2022 - 2028, including Objective ET 13-28 (Information and Communications Technology), 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 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.

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2. The proposed 1.5-metre-high lighting finials shall be omitted from the proposed development.

Reason: In the interest of clarity and in accordance with the requirements of the Irish Aviation Authority who have identified that no obstacle lighting is required in respect of the development.

3. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall submit to, and agree in writing with, the planning authority landscaping proposals for the north-eastern boundary of the site.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.

4. 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.

5. When the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures are no longer required, they shall be removed, and the site shall be reinstated at the developer'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 visual and residential amenities of the area.

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6. The antennae type and mounting configuration shall be in accordance with the details submitted with the planning 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.



Patricia Calleary

Member of An Bord Pleanála

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

Dated this 30 day of August 2023.

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