

Board Order ABP-314482-22

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Dublin City Council

Planning Register Reference Number: TIL020-22

Appeal by Emerald Tower Limited care of Entrust Limited of Unit 1D, Deerpark Business Centre, Oranmore, County Galway against the decision made on the 2nd day of August, 2022 by Dublin City Council to refuse a licence.

Licence Application: The installation of an 18 metre dual operator pole, associated equipment, together with ground-based equipment cabinets and all associated site development works for wireless data and broadband services at Ratoath Road/Westwood Road, Cardiffsbridge, Dublin.

Decision

In exercise of the powers conferred on it under section 254 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, An Bord Pleanála, directs the planning authority to REFUSE TO GRANT a licence, based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the conditions set out below.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to the proposed location of the telecommunications cabinets and street pole in very close proximity to existing residential properties and the relatively narrow width of the combined grass verge and footpath at this location as well as the existing high level of infrastructural elements and telecommunications equipment already present at this location, it is considered that the proposed cabinets and pole would be seriously injurious to residential amenities of properties in the vicinity in terms of negative visual impact and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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 EIA was required.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission, the Board were concerned regarding the impact of visual clutter in a prominent location on the residential character of the area.

Joe Boland

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board

Dated this 14" day of Movember 2023