



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Cork County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 22/204

APPEAL by Siubhan and Ralph Ferguson of Main Street, Ballydehob, County Cork against the decision made on the 16th day of September, 2022 by Cork County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Eircom Limited care of Focusplus Limited of Number 3 Arbourfield House, Dundrum Business Park, Dundrum Road, Dublin.

Proposed Development: Construction of a 21 metre high free standing communications structure carrying telecommunications equipment, together with associated exchange cabinets, fencing, access gate and all associated site development works. The development will form part of Eircom Limited existing telecommunications and broadband network at Gabriel Rangers GAA Club, Coolagh Beg, Ballydehob, County Cork, as revised by public notices received by the planning authority on the 22nd day of August 2022 outlining significant further information and revised plans.

Decision

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

As it appears to the Board that the proposed development is closer to the Rathruane River - which forms a hydrological connection with Roaringwater Bay and Islands Special Area of Conservation - than as indicated in the plans and particulars submitted with the application, the Board cannot be satisfied that the proposed development individually, or in combination with other plans or projects, would not have a significant effect on the integrity of Roaringwater Bay and Islands Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000101), in view of the site's Conservation Objectives. The proposed development would not, therefore, be in accordance with proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The Board considered that the development is a project for the purposes of the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive. However, the Board concluded that the proposed development does not fall within a class of development set out in Part 1 or Part 2 of Schedule 5 to the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and therefore no preliminary examination, screening for environmental impact assessment, or environmental impact assessment is required.



Tom Rabbette

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board.

Dated this 1st day of Dec. 2023.