

Board Order ABP-315015-22

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Waterford City and County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 22/305.

Appeal by Vantage Towers Limited care of Charterhouse Infrastructure Consultants of Headquarters, 27 Market Street, Listowel, County Kerry, against the decision made on the 11th day of October, 2022 by Waterford City and County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: 30 metre high telecommunications lattice structure together with antennas, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment all enclosed by security fencing and extend existing access track at Stradbally More, Stradbally, County Waterford. The proposed development was revised by further public notices received by the planning authority on the 19th day of September 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 national strategy regarding the provision of mobile communications services,
- (b) the guidelines relating to telecommunications antennae and support structures which were issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government to planning authorities in July, 1996, as updated by Circular Letter PL/07/12 issued by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government on the 19th day of October, 2012,
- (c) the policy of the planning authority, as set out in the Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022 2028, to support the provision of telecommunications infrastructure, and
- (d) the nature and scale of the proposed telecommunications support structure,

it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the visual amenities or landscape character of the area, or the residential amenities of the area. The proposed development 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 on the 13th day of April 2022 as amended by the further plans and particulars submitted on the 12th day of September 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. Surface water drainage arrangements for the proposed development shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

Peter Mullan

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

Dated this 15th day of November, 2023