

Board Order ABP-315366-22

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Monaghan County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 22/374

Appeal by On Tower Ireland Limited care of Indigo of 4Site House, Raheen Business Park, Limerick in relation to the application by Monaghan County Council of the terms of the Development Contribution Scheme made for the area in respect of condition number 1 of its decision made on the 22nd day of November, 2022.

Proposed Development: Replacement of two number existing telecommunication support structures with a single 18 metre multi-operator monopole type telecommunications support structure together with associated equipment and cabinets enclosed within an extended 2.4 metre palisade fence compound and associated site works at Drumlara, Tedavnet, County Monaghan.

Decision

The Board, in accordance with section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, considered, based on the reasons and considerations set out below, that the terms of the Development Contribution Scheme for the area had not been properly applied in respect of condition number 1 and directs the said Council to REMOVE condition number 1 for the reason set out.

Reasons and Considerations

The Board did not agree with the inspector's recommendation and decided that the applicant had set out in their planning application sufficient detail to avail of the exemption under section 17 of the Development Contribution Scheme when they stated "Replacing the two existing 12 metre monopole structures with a new 18 metre multi-operator monopole type telecommunications structure will allow this site to accommodate three mobile operators and a broadband operator, all above the local tree clutter, thus extending the reach of communication technologies into areas that currently have poor to non-existent wireless mobile voice and data services" (page 12 of letter received by the planning authority on the 30th day of August, 2022 with the planning application).



Dated this of day of Marc 2024