

Board Order ABP-315507-23

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Cork County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 22/06276

Appeal by Eircom Limited (trading as eir) care of Towercom of Usher House, Main Street, Dundrum, Dublin against the decision made on the 5th day of December, 2022 by Cork County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Erection of an 18 metre high monopole telecommunications structure together with antennas, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment and remove a 15 metre high monopole telecommunications structure at eir Exchange, Lislevane (Townland), County Cork.

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) National Planning Framework 2018,
- (b) the current Cork County Development Plan 2022,
- (c) the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structure Guidelines for Planning Authorities 1996 and Circular Letter PL07/12,
- (d) the existing telecoms infrastructure on the site and the established use of the site for telecommunications purposes, and
- (e) the scale and design of the proposed development,

it is considered that the proposed development be in accordance with the National Policy for telecommunications infrastructure and the current Cork County Development Plan 2022. It is also considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not adversely impact the character of the area or seriously injure the visual or 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, 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. The proposed development shall be carried out on the same location as the existing structure in place and no nearer to the adjacent residential premises.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.

3. Surface water drainage arrangements for the proposed development shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

 The developer shall allow, subject to reasonable terms, other licensed mobile telecommunications operators to co-locate their antennae onto the subject structure.

Reason: In order to avoid the proliferation of telecommunications structures in the interest of visual amenity.

5. Details of the specific colour finish for the telecommunications structure shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. The developer shall also submit to and agree in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development a landscaping scheme for the site which shall include an enhanced screen boundary on the southern party boundary of the site adjoining the site of the existing residential property.

Reason: In the interest of the visual amenities of the area and to protect residential amenity.

 On decommissioning of the telecommunications structure, the structure and all ancillary structures shall be removed and the site reinstated at the developer's expense.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

Mick Long

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

Dated this 29 day of Jamary 2024