

## Board Order ABP-315576-23

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

**Planning Authority: Tipperary County Council** 

Planning Register Reference Number: 22/612

**Appeal** by Eircom Limited (trading as eir) care of Towercom Limited of Usher House, Main Street, Dundrum, Dublin against the decision made on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022 by Tipperary County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

**Proposed Development:** Erection of an 18 metre monopole telecommunications support structure together with antennas, dishes and associated equipment enclosed in security fencing at the eir Exchange, Market Place, Clonmel, County Tipperary.

## 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.

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## Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to national and local planning policy to facilitate digital connectivity infrastructure, the location of the monopole at an established communications centre and on the basis of a demonstrated lack of visual impact, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not significantly affect the historic character of the town centre or residential amenity. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

## Conditions

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 developer shall facilitate the archaeological appraisal of the site and shall provide for the preservation, recording and protection of archaeological materials or features which may exist within the site. In this regard, the developer shall:
  - (a) notify the planning authority in writing at least four weeks prior to the commencement of any site operation (including hydrological and geotechnical investigations) relating to the proposed development, and

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(b) employ a suitably-qualified archaeologist prior to the commencement of development. The archaeologist shall assess the site and monitor all site development works.

The assessment shall address the following issues:

- (i) the nature and location of archaeological material on the site, and
- (ii) the impact of the proposed development on such archaeological material.

A report, containing the results of the assessment, shall be submitted to the planning authority and, arising from this assessment, the developer shall agree in writing with the planning authority details regarding any further archaeological requirements (including, if necessary, archaeological excavation) prior to commencement of construction works.

In default of agreement on any of these requirements, the matter shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

**Reason:** In order to conserve the archaeological heritage of the area and to secure the preservation (in-situ or by record) and protection of any archaeological remains that may exist within the site.

Eamonn Patrick Kelly

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board

Dated this 22 day of

2023