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## Board Order ABP-317299-23

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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority: Longford County Council**

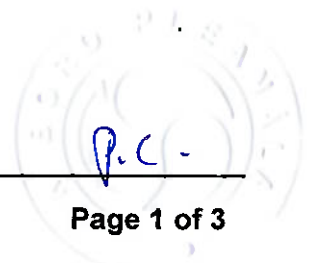
**Planning Register Reference Number: LC21/19**

**Appeal** by Tom O'Toole and Padraig O'Toole and others care of Peter Thomson Planning Solutions of 4 Priory Grove, Kells, County Meath against the decision made on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022 by Longford County Council to grant, subject to conditions, a licence to CIGNA Infrastructure Limited care of David Mulcahy Planning Consultants Limited of 67 The Old Mill Race, Athgarvan, Newbridge, County Kildare.

**Licence Application:** Section 254 license for 18 metres street pole solution with AW3871 multi-operator antenna and ground equipment cabinet at Ballinamuck, County Longford.

### **Decision**

**In exercise of the powers conferred on it under section 254 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, An Bord Pleanála, directs the planning authority to GRANT a licence, based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the conditions set out below.**



## REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to the provisions of section 254 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the 'Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures - Guidelines for Planning Authorities' issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in July, 1996 as updated by Circular Letters PL 07/12 issued by the Department of the Environment, Community, and Local Government in 2012 and PL 11/2020 issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in 2020, the provisions of the Longford County Development Plan 2021 - 2027, the existing pattern of development in the area, and the nature and scale of the proposed development, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the amenities of the area, or of property in the area, or give rise to a traffic or pedestrian hazard. 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 licence application as amended by the further information submitted to the planning authority on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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 within three months from the date of this order and the development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

**Reason:** In the interest of clarity.

2. This licence shall be valid for five years from the date of this Order. The telecommunications structure and related ancillary structures shall then be removed, and the lands reinstated on removal of the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures unless, prior to the end of the period, continuance shall have been granted for their retention for a further period.

**Reason:** To enable the impact of the development to be re-assessed, having regard to changes in technology and design during the specified period.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, and any statutory provision amending or replacing them, the telecommunication structures shall not be altered, and no additional apparatus shall be attached, without written approval.

**Reason:** In the interest of the visual amenities of the area.

4. A low intensity fixed red obstacle light shall be fitted as close to the top of the mast as practicable and shall be visible from all angles in azimuth. Details of this light, its location and period of operation shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

**Reason:** In the interest of public safety.



**Patricia Calleary**

**Member of An Bord Pleanála**

**duly authorised to authenticate  
the seal of the Board.**

**Dated this 16 day of October 2023.**