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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority: Roscommon County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: PD/22/573**

**Appeal** by Michael and Claire Hussey of “Villa Maria”, Ballydooley, Dunamon, County Roscommon against the decision made on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023 by Roscommon County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Eircom Limited (trading as eir) care of Towercom of Unit 2, HQ, 27 Market Street, Listowel, County Kerry in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

**Proposed Development:** Erection of a 21 metres high monopole telecommunications structure (with three number 3.9 metres high omni antenna giving an overall height of 24.9 metres), together with panel antennas, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment and removal of a 15 metres high monopole telecommunications structure at eir Exchange, Gorticmeelra Townland, Donamon, County Roscommon.

**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

The proposed development is consistent with the policies of the current development plan for the area and the need for the proposed development has been justified by the applicant. The subject site has been in use and continues in use for telecommunications purposes. This use has been the subject of planning permissions and is an authorised use. The proposed development would, therefore, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The Board concurred with the Inspector that the development is a project for the purposes of the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive. However, the Board concluded that the proposed development does not fall within a class of development set out in Part 1 or Part 2 of Schedule 5 to the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and therefore no preliminary examination, screening for Environmental Impact Assessment or Environmental Impact Assessment is required.

## Conditions

1. The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, as amended by the further information submitted to the planning authority on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions.

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

2. The existing 15 metres telecommunications mast shall be disassembled and removed from the site upon the commissioning of the telecommunications mast structure hereby permitted.

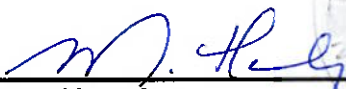
**Reason:** In the interest of orderly development and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

3. Prior to commencement of development, a traffic management plan for the construction phase of the proposed development, and the removal of the decommissioned 15 metres mast, shall be agreed in writing with the planning authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the agreed plan.

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

4. Within six months of the permanent cessation of use of the telecommunications structure and associated equipment hereby permitted, all structures on the site shall be removed at the applicants/developers own expense, in accordance with a restoration plan to be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority within three months of the date of this Order.

**Reason:** In the interests of orderly development, visual amenity, and the proper planning and development of the area.



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**Mary Henchy**

**Member of An Bord Pleanála**

**duly authorised to authenticate**

**the seal of the Board.**

Dated this *2<sup>nd</sup>* day of *November* 2023.