

Board Order ABP-317678-23

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Cavan County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 20/471

Appeal by Eir (Eircom Limited) care of Towercom Limited of Usher House, Main Street, Dundrum, Dublin against the decision made on the 14th day of December, 2020 by Cavan County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: The construction of multi-operator telecommunications infrastructure comprised of: a 18 metre monopole (overall structure height of 19.5 metres), antennas, dishes and associated equipment, together with ground level equipment cabinets, new wall and fencing at Eir Exchange, Railway Road, Killeshandra, County Cavan.

Decision

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the reasons and considerations set out below.

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Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

- (a) the guidelines relating to telecommunications antennae and support structures which were issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government to planning authorities in July, 1996,
- (b) Objective ICT 06 of the Cavan County Development Plan 2022-2028,
- (c) the failure to provide documentary evidence as to the non-availability of options for co-location on existing support structures and to provide a comprehensive assessment of alternative locations,

it is considered that the proposed development would be inconsistent with development objective ICT 06 and would not, on the basis of the information submitted with the application and appeal, provide sufficient reasoned justification for the proposed development at this location. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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The Board considered 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.

Chris McGarry

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

Dated this Hoday of

2024