

Board Order ABP-318423-23

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Wicklow County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 23/482

Appeal by Carolina Condell and Matthias John of Tricklebrook, Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy, County Wicklow against the decision made on the 12th day of October, 2023 by Wicklow County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to On Tower Ireland Limited care of Indigo Telecom Group of Raheen Business Park, County Limerick in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

Proposed Development: Construction of a 27 metre monopole mobile and broadband tower with headframe carrying telecommunications equipment, together with associated equipment and cabinets enclosed within a 2.4 metre palisade fence compound with access track at Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow.

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 the totality of the documentation in relation to the case (including the two number planning reports of the planning authority) and also having regard to the provisions of the Wicklow County Development Plan 2022-2028, the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures – Guidelines for Planning Authorities 1996, the associated Circular Letter PL07/12, the demonstrated need for the subject telecommunications structure, the existing pattern of development in the area, and the nature and scale of the proposed development, the Board considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the residential or visual amenities of the area or adversely impact on property in the vicinity. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The Board considered that the proposed 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.

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Conditions

The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, as amended by the further plans and particulars received by the planning authority on the 19th day of September 2023, 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.

 Details of the proposed colour scheme for the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

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

3. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall agree in writing with the planning authority, a traffic management plan for the construction phase of the proposed development.

Reason: In the interest of traffic safety.

4. Landscaping of the site shall be carried out in accordance with a landscaping scheme, which shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

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

5. No advertisement or advertisement structure shall be erected or displayed on the proposed structure or its appendages or within the curtilage of the site without a prior grant of planning permission.

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

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

Reason: In the interest of public health.

7. The site shall be reinstated upon the removal of the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures. Details of the reinstatement shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to the commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of orderly development.

Tom Rabbette

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board

Dated this 4 day of July