

Board Order ABP-319085-24

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: South Dublin County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: SD23A/0092

Appeal by On Tower Ireland Limited care of Indigo of 4Site House, Raheen Business Park, Limerick against the decision made on the 30th day of January, 2024 by South Dublin County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: Installation of a 21-metre monopole carrying telecommunications and broadband equipment together with associated equipment and cabinets enclosed within a 2.4-metre palisade fence compound, all at Thomas Davis GAA Club, Kiltipper Road, Tallaght, Dublin.

Decision

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

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Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

- (a) the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028 zoning objective for the site 'HA-DV', 'To protect and enhance the outstanding character and amenity of the Dodder Valley', and Policy NCBH8 Objective 1,
- (b) 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, and
- (c) the height, nature, scale and location of the proposed development,

it is considered that the proposed development would be visually obtrusive and would seriously injure the amenities of the area and of property in the vicinity. The proposed development would be contrary to the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028, and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission, the Board considered the totality of the file. The Board disagreed with the Inspector and shared the opinion of the planning authority that the proposed development would be contrary to the zoning objective for the site, would be visually obtrusive, and would detract from the visual amenity of the area. The proposed development would, therefore, contravene the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028.

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 is required.

Mary Henchy

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

Dated this 9 day of Odober

2024.