



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order ABP-319277-24

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Tipperary County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 23/60975

Appeal by St. Michael's National School Board of Management care of Vivian Dooley of Cloughjordan, County Tipperary against the decision made on the 8th day of February, 2024 by Tipperary County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Eircom Limited care of Charterhouse Infrastructure Consultants of 27 Market Street, Listowel, County Kerry in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Erection of a 15-metre-high shrouded pole (16-metre overall height to top of lighting finials) together with antennas, dishes and associated telecommunications equipment, ground level equipment cabinet, all enclosed by security fencing and to remove an existing 12-metre-high wooden pole, all at Eir Exchange, Townfields, Cloughjordan, County Tipperary.

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

Having regard to the nature and scale of the proposed development, for a 15-metre shrouded monopole structure (plus one-metre lighting finials), it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would be in accordance with 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 Letter PL 07/12, and with the policies and objectives of the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028, would not seriously injure the visual or residential amenities of the area or the amenities of the property in the vicinity, and 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.

Conditions

1. The proposed 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 8th day of December, 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 proposed development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. Notwithstanding the exemption provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended (or any replacement Regulations), no additional communications antennae, drum-shaped dishes or other telecommunications equipment shall be fitted to the exterior of the monopole without a prior grant of planning permission.

Reason: To avoid a multiplicity of telecommunications structures in the area, in the interest of visual amenity, and proper planning and sustainable development.

3. The existing 12-metre wooden pole on site shall be removed within three months of the installation of the permitted monopole.

Reason: To avoid a multiplicity of telecommunications structures in the area, in the interest of visual amenity, and proper planning and sustainable development.

4. In the event of the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures hereby permitted ceasing to operate for a period of six months, the structures shall be removed, and the site shall be reinstated within six months of their removal. Details regarding the removal of the structures and the reinstatement of the site shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing, within two months of the structures ceasing to operate, and the site shall be reinstated in accordance with the agreed details at the developer's expense.

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

5. 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.

6. Details of a colour scheme for the mast and any ancillary structures hereby permitted shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development, and the agreed colour scheme shall be applied to the mast and any ancillary structures upon erection.

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

7. 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.



Declan Moore

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



Dated this 4th day of FEBRUARY 2025.