

Commission Order ABP-322314-25

Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Mayo County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 2460703

Appeal by Robert Scoble and Letrisia Gridley of little Robin's Nest, Balla Road, Ballyvary, Castlebar, County Mayo against the decision made on the 26th day of March 2025, by Mayo County Council to grant, subject to conditions, a permission on to On Tower Ireland Limited care of Entrust Limited of Unit 1 First Floor, Oranmore Business Park, Oranmore, County Galway in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

Proposed Development: The proposed development will consist of the installation of a 36 metre lattice telecommunications support structure with a headframe carrying antennas, dishes, remote radio units (RRU's), associated equipment, together with ground based equipment cabinets, palisade fencing, cable ladder, cable trays, gantry poles, site lamp, concrete foundations, concrete plinths, GPS, access track and all associated site development works to provide for high-speed wireless data and broadband services.

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 provisions of the Mayo County Development Plan 2022 – 2028, National and Regional Plans and Guidance, the location within a rural area, to the nature and scale of the proposed development and its relationship with the surrounding area, it is considered that subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would be acceptable and would not seriously injure the residential or visual amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity and would be acceptable in terms of design, visual impact, public health, ecological impact and traffic safety. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The Commission considered that the proposed development is a project for the purposes of the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive. However, the Commission 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

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 plans and particulars received by the planning authority on the 3rd day of March 2025, 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.

2. The transmitter power output, antenna type and mounting configuration shall be in accordance with the details submitted with this application and, notwithstanding the provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, and any statutory provision amending or replacing them, shall not be altered without a prior grant of planning permission.

Reason: To clarify the nature and extent of the permitted development to which this permission relates and to facilitate a full assessment of any future alterations.

3. A low intensity fixed red obstacle light shall be fitted as close to the top of the mast as practicable and shall be visible from all angles in azimuth. Details of this light, its location and period of operation shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of public safety.

4. In the event of the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures provided to serve the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures hereby permitted ceasing to operate for a period of 6 months, the structures and any access road(s) shall be removed, and the site shall be reinstated within 12 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 6 months of the structures ceasing to operate, and the site shall be reinstated in accordance with the agreed details at the operator's expense.

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

5. The developer shall facilitate co-location with other telecommunication and broadband operators.

Reason: To limit the need for additional telecom structures.

Marie O'Connor

Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Commission.

Dated this 12 day of August 2025