

An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Commission Order ABP-322761-25

Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Galway City Council

Planning Register Reference Number: TI 1/25

Appeal by On Tower Limited care of David Mulcahy Planning Consultants Limited of 67 The Old Mill Race, Athgarvan, County Kildare against the decision made on the 25th day of February, 2025 by Galway City Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Licence Application: 20 metres high smart street pole, associated equipment, together with two ground-based equipment cabinets and all associated site development works for wireless data and broadband services at Doughiska Road, Doughiska, Galway.

Decision

In exercise of the powers conferred on it under section 254 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, An Coimisiún Pleanála, directs the planning authority to GRANT a licence, based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the conditions set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the provisions of Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, to national, regional and local policy objectives, as represented in the Galway City Development Plan 2023-2029 and to the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Section 28 Statutory Guidelines, "Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures: Guidelines for Planning Authorities, 1996," as updated by circular letter PL 07/12 and PL 11/2020 respectively, and to the nature and scale of the development, it is 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 of property in the vicinity, would not be prejudicial to public health and would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the licence application, 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. This licence shall apply for a period of five years from the date of this Order. The telecommunications structure and related ancillary structures shall then be removed unless, prior to the end of the period, continuance shall have been granted for their retention for a further period. The site shall be reinstated on removal of the telecommunications structure and ancillary structures. Details relating to the removal and reinstatement shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority at least one month before the date of expiry of this licence.

Reason: To enable the impact of the development to be re-assessed, having regard to changes in technology and design during the specified period.

3. 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.

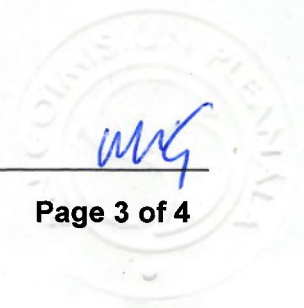
Reason: In the interest of the visual amenities of the area.

4. Provision shall be made for the concealment of the antennas and RRUs within a RF transparent shroud at the top of the street pole structure. Details of the shroud, antenna type and mounting configuration 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.

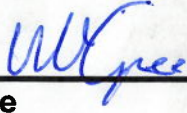
5. No advertisement or advertisement structure shall be erected or displayed on the proposed structure or within the curtilage of the site.

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



6. The structure shall not interfere with existing services and drainage systems and shall not obstruct pedestrian access.

Reason: In the interests of orderly development and pedestrian safety.



Liam McGree

Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún

Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Commission.

Dated this 06th day of October 2025.