

Commission Order ACP-323153-25

Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Meath County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 25/60462

Appeal by Fred Logue of 7 Riverside Cottages, Julianstown, County Meath against the decision made on the 2nd day of July, 2025 by Meath County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Phoenix Tower Ireland III Limited care of Indigo of Houston Hall, Ballycummin Avenue, Raheen Business Park, Limerick in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: 30-metre multi-user lattice-type telecommunications support structure, carrying antenna and dishes enclosed within a 2.4-metre-high palisade fenced compound together with associated ground equipment cabinets and associated site works, all on lands located at Smithstown, Julianstown, County Meath.

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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

It is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not be visually intrusive or impact negatively upon the character and setting of Julianstown, would provide for a required improved telecommunications service and associated infrastructure, would be in accordance with the requirements of the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027, would not be prejudicial to public health, would not seriously injure the residential amenities of properties in the vicinity, and 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

The proposed development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the 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 proposed development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

 The developer shall provide and make available at reasonable terms the proposed support structure for the provision of mobile telecommunications antenna of third-party licenced telecommunications operators.

Reason: In the interest of the avoidance of multiplicity of telecommunications structures in the area, in the interest of visual amenity and proper planning and sustainable development.

3. The material finish and colour of the telecommunications support structure and associated equipment shall be agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to the commencement of development. Otherwise, the antenna and mounting configuration shall be in accordance with the details submitted with the planning application and shall not be altered without a prior grant of planning permission.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

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- Surface water drainage arrangements for the proposed development shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority.
 Reason: In the interest of public health and to prevent flooding.
- 5. Within six months of the cessation of the use of the telecommunications structure, all structures shall be removed from the site, and the site shall be reinstated at the operator's expense in accordance with a scheme to be agreed in writing with the planning authority as soon as practicable.
 Reason: In the interest of protecting the landscape.
- No advertisement or advertisement structure shall be erected or displayed on the proposed structure or its appendages or within the curtilage of the site.

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

7. The construction of the proposed development shall be managed in accordance with a Construction Management Plan, which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of amenities, public health and safety.

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8. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0800 to 1900 Mondays to Fridays, inclusive, between 0800 to 1400 hours on Saturdays and not at all on Sundays or public holidays. Deviation from these times shall only be allowed in exceptional circumstances where prior written agreement has been received from the planning authority.

Reason: In order to safeguard the residential amenities of property in the vicinity.

Marie O'Connor

Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún

Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Commission.

Dated this 11 day of November 2025.