

Submission on Planning Application SD21A/0155

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Applicant:

Ontower Ireland Limited

Location:

Ballyroan Community & Youth Centre, Marian Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14

Proposed Development:

Replace existing 12m decommissioned chimney flue with a 20m multi-user telecommunications support structure to include antennas and dishes and all enclosed within a shroud to match the existing decommissioned chimney flue; 2 outdoor cabinets and associated site works and a proposed new flue to replace an existing flue on an existing permitted building and accessed via the existing permitted access; the development will provide improved wireless broadband services in the area.

These are our observations on this planning application

1. The height of this tower at 20 meters is overbearing. The structure will be a very odd and dominant feature in the streetscape. It is three times the height of the dormer houses located to the West and East and twice the height of the surrounding two storey houses.

2. A planning application was submitted in 2008 ref. SD088/003 to include a refurbished library, Community Centre and a new Parish Centre all seamlessly linked with walkways and a central plaza. The Community Centre itself pays homage by it's shape to the Church which is a Protected Structure. The Parish Centre and the library are modern discreet flat roofed structures that do not detract from the nearby protected structure. This is a thoughtfully planned and impressive area, it is the heart of our community and we are very fortunate to have these facilities. Proposing to place this large industrial structure and Cabinets in the Plaza area does not make sense.



Photo showing the Plaza superimposed with an outline of the proposed Mast.

3. Disguising the structure by covering it with some kind of fabric doesn't seem practical. The location is at the foot of the Dublin Mountains and the structure will be exposed to high winds, particularly in winter. Even, if this material covering withstands a few storms then it is likely to deteriorate in condition and look ragged fairly quickly. During windy weather the structure is likely to be quite noisy with the shroud material flapping and banging against the metal structure. This is likely to be very annoying to the local residents.
4. I have searched extensively around the Dublin area to see if a similar shaped and sized structure exists in any residential areas. I have not found any, there are plenty of similar structures besides motorways and in industrial estates. It would set a precedent to allow this structure which resembles a scaffolding tower to be installed in any low-rise residential area let alone here.
5. The area is not a rural location starved of broadband and desperate at any cost to have improved mobile communications. Gigabit broadband is currently available from Virgin Media and Eir.ie are currently present on the surrounding streets and are upgrading the phone lines to be capable of supporting gigabit broadband.
6. The technical justification report for the proposal seems to gloss over alternatives. Is it really true to say there are no existing sites other than the three sites mentioned? There are masts located in Rathfarnham Garda Station, Ballyboden sports club, Templeogue Tennis Club, on the flat roofs of Rosemount Shopping centre, Templeogue bridge and Tymon Park. There are still plenty of other Commercial/Industrial locations that may be best suited to this type of proposal.
7. Another glaring omission from the Technical Justification is that it makes no mention of the fact that this proposed structure will be on the same grounds as a protected Structure at which it is at complete odds.

Yours Faithfully
Brian & Marie Furey

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Date: 29-Jun-2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

Register Ref: SD21A/0155
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Location: Ballyroan Community & Youth Centre, Marian Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14
Applicant: Ontower Ireland Limited
Application Type: Permission
Date Rec'd: 10-Jun-2021

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your submission in connection with the above planning application. The appropriate fee of €20.00 has been paid and your submission is in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001(as amended). The contents of your submission will be brought to the attention of the Planning Officer during the course of consideration of this application.

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Yours faithfully,