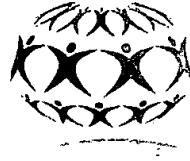




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BCYC
BALLYROAN COMMUNITY
& YOUTH CENTRE

Marian Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14, Phone 01 4958576

13/07/21

The Planning Department SDCC.

I wish to address the proposed planning application No. SD21A/0155 for a mast 20 metres high located on the grounds of Church of the Holy Spirit, Ballyroan Parish Grounds, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14. The location proposed is right beside the playground area used by children enrolled in Pre School, Before and After School, Children's Art, Czech and Spanish Language classes which take place in Ballyroan Community and Youth Centre. 140 children use the playground each week pre Covid-19 pandemic. 80 of these children have been using it throughout the pandemic as childcare remained open to support front-line health care workers.

I manage Cáirde Before and After School Childcare and we have 60 children enrolled in the service. Our children play in the playground beside the proposed mast. Due to the pandemic, Cáirde staff have to adhere to increased Tusla health and wellbeing protocols including, operating play pods, daily temperature checks for children and staff, constant cleaning of surfaces, systematic hand washing and increased record keeping and administration. The current pandemic has put a sharp focus on health issues and the environment. The health and wellbeing of the children in my care and my staff is my primary objective.

I have researched without success to find a similar mast erected in a residential area next door to a children's playground in this country. While referencing the decision to remove a mast in Bishops Island, Watergrasshill Cork An Bord Pleanála said

"guidelines on the location of telecom antennae and support structures published by the Department of the Environment in 1996 made it a requirement that free standing masts should only be located in the immediate surrounds of villages "as a last resort".

I am aware that more independent studies are required to measure the impact radio waves have on children's growth and development. Without an independent health/environmental impact statement for this proposal for me to study in advance of the application to erect this mast, I request that the health and wellbeing of the children in my care and all the children and staff who use the playground be considered when looking at this application. For the issues highlighted above, I object to the proposed application.

Regards.

Caroline Connolly
Childcare Coordinator

Ballyroan Community & Youth Centre
c/o Caroline Connolly
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Rathfarnham
Dublin 14

Date: 14-Jul-2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

Register Ref: SD21A/0155
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.
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.

This is an important document. You will be required to produce this document to An Bord Pleanála if you wish to appeal the decision of the Council when it is made. You will be informed of the decision in due course. Please be advised that all current applications are available for inspection at the public counter and on the Council's Website, www.sdublincoco.ie.

You may wish to avail of the Planning Departments email notification system on our website. When in the *Planning Applications* part of the Council website, www.sdublincoco.ie, and when viewing an application on which a decision has not been made, you can input your email address into the box named *"Notify me of changes"* and click on *"Subscribe"*. You should automatically receive an email notification when the decision is made. Please ensure that you submit a valid email address.

Please note: If you make a submission in respect of a planning application, the Council is obliged to make that document publicly available for inspection as soon as possible after receipt. Submissions are made available on the planning file at the Planning Department's public counter and with the exception of those of a personal nature, are also published on the Council's website along with the full content of a planning application.

Yours faithfully,

Mary Crowley
for Senior Planner