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Dublin 24, D24 A3XC*Sent by email: planningdept@sdublincoco.ie*5th May 2023

RE: COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITION NO. 2 AND 3 OF SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL DECISION TO GRANT PERMISSION (LPA REFERENCE NUMBER: SD22A/0439) FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF AN EXISTING 15M TELECOMMUNICATIONS MONOPOLE SUPPORT STRUCTURE (OVERALL HEIGHT OF 17.8 METRES) WITH A PROPOSED NEW 15M TELECOMMUNICATIONS LATTICE TOWER (OVERALL HEIGHT OF 17.8 METRES) CARRYING THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT TRANSFERRED FROM THE EXISTING STRUCTURE AND THE ADDITION OF NEW TELECOMMUNICATIONS ANTENNAS, DISHES AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT, TOGETHER WITH NEW GROUND LEVEL EQUIPMENT CABINETS AND FENCING AT EIR, MAIN STREET, RATHCOOLE, COUNTY DUBLIN; THE SITE IS WITHIN THE CURTILAGE OF A PROTECTED STRUCTURE (RPS: 311 - RATHCOOLE GARDA STATION).

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Towercom, on behalf of Eir (Eircom Limited), are writing in regard to Condition no.'s. 2, 3 and 4 attached to the decision by South Dublin County Council to grant permission with conditions for the telecommunications installation as outlined above at Eir, Main Street, Rathcoole, County Dublin. (LPA Planning Ref: SD22A/0439).

Condition No. 2

“This permission is for a period of ten years from the date of the final grant of permission. The structure and related ancillary structures shall then be removed unless, prior to the end of the period, planning permission shall have been granted for their retention for a further period. The site shall be reinstated on removal of the monopole structure and ancillary structures. Details relating to the removal and reinstatement shall be submitted to the Planning Authority for written agreement as soon as is practicable.

Reason: *To enable the impact of the development on the Protected Structure (Rathcoole Garda Station) to be re-assessed, having regard to changes in technology and design during the period of ten years.”*

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This condition is duly noted and following the period ten years from the date of final grant of permission the subject structure and related ancillary structures shall be removed unless, prior to the end of the period, planning permission shall have been granted for their retention for a further period. In the case that the new lattice structure and associated equipment becomes obsolete in the future, the support structure and attached equipment will be decommissioned and the compound area reinstated back to the original condition. The lattice support structure, attached equipment, fencing and ground-level equipment cabinets will be removed from site.

In relation to the existing 15m monopole on site, this will be removed from site once the new infrastructure (lattice tower) becomes operational and the existing equipment is swapped over and operational. The existing monopole will be removed from site by HI-AB lorry mounted crane, which will be set up in the same location used for the installation of the new lattice tower, as indicated in the enclosed 'Design and Construction Safety and Health Plan' (see Appendix A). It is proposed that the compound area of the monopole (to be removed) will be left with the existing foundation in situ and the bolts of the existing monopole would be cut to be flush with the top of the concrete. This would avoid breaking out the foundation and potential vibration impacts on the adjacent Eir Exchange. A section of the existing palisade fencing is to be removed and then new fencing extended to surround the new tower location.

We trust this is in order with South Dublin County Council requirements and wish to request written agreement of same.

Condition No. 3

"Prior to the commencement of development the following shall be submitted to the Planning Authority for written agreement:

A) A safety statement detailing how the Protected Structure and all associated features will be safeguarded during the proposed removal of the existing telecommunications monopole and the installation of the new lattice tower and new equipment. A designated area shall be provided in order to ensure a buffer is kept ensuring no construction vehicles etc go near the Protected Structure area. Details of the entrance and ingress shall also be provided ensuring any impact or possible damage during construction.

B) Details of the paint colour for the new equipment cabinet and fencing. The applicant shall also consider and look into the possibility of painting the lattice tower in a colour that might lessen the overall visual impact within the village area.

Reason: *To protect the interest of the protected structure and Architectural Conservation Area."*

In compliance with Condition No. 3(A), we wish to submit the enclosed 'Design and Construction Safety and Health Plan' (see Appendix A) prepared by Towercom Limited which includes measures to safeguard the Protected Structure (Rathcoole Garda Station) during the removal of existing monopole and installation of the new lattice tower and equipment.

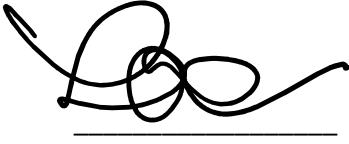
In compliance with Condition No. 3(B), we wish to submit details of the proposed colour scheme for the new lattice tower, telecommunications equipment attached, cabinets and fencing. As such, it is submitted that the proposed lattice tower will be grey galvanised steel, similar to the existing monopole structure being replaced, and as demonstrated in the photomontages provided in the planning application. Telecommunications support structures are purposely coloured as to minimise visual impact, for example in forestry or woodland areas, dark green or brown would normally blend well with the surrounding landscape, whereas those structures that would be mostly visible against the skyline and in a more urban/ suburban environment would benefit from a neutral sky grey colour.

The new panel antennas and dishes attached to the new support structure will be off-white. The proposed outdoor cabinets and palisade fencing will be grey and generally would not be visible from public vantage points, being located at ground level to the rear of the Garda Station building and set

back from the road. We trust these details meet with your approval and wish to request written agreement of this colour scheme at your earliest convenience.

If you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact me on number or email provided.

Yours faithfully,



Laura O'Connell, Towercom Limited.

APPENDIX A:

Design and Construction Safety and Health Plan