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The Planning Officer,
Planning Department,
Dunlaoghaire - Rathdown County Council
County Hall
Marine Rd
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Co. Dublin

Date:

17th September 2019

Re:

Section 254 Application- Proposed Telecommunications Streetworks Solution

Applicant:

Cignal Infrastructure Ltd. Ltd, Suite 309, Q House, 76 Furze Road, Sandyford

Industrial Estate, Dublin 18.

Location:

Ashgrove, Kill Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our client, Cignal Infrastructure Ltd please find attached application under Section 254 (1) (g) subsection 5 (A) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, which provides for the installation of communications infrastructure under licence from the Authority. We have included plans and other information concerning the requirement, position, design and capacity of the structure as outlined in Section 254 (3). We are happy to provide additional information on request.

Background

Cignal are a registered Infrastructure Provider for the Communications Industry with over 550 sites around Ireland supporting mobile and broadband communications. Cignal provide Tower, Mast, Roof Top and Streetworks Solutions for the expanding requirements of the Licenced Operators including EIR, Vodafone and Three.

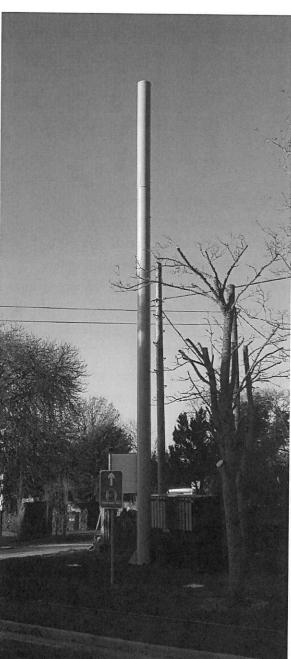
Cignal is authorised by ComReg to provide Electronic Communications Networks and Services, which allows them to apply for a licence under section 254(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 for the establishment of over ground electronic communications infrastructure and any associated physical infrastructure. Please see attached a Certificate of Authorisation for your information.

The Requirement

Working closely with mobile network Licenced Operators, Cignal have identified the subject site as a known blackspot for mobile and wireless broadband. A specific solution to address the deficit in coverage has been identified and approved by the mobile network Licenced Operators.

The Proposal

With reference to the attached plans you will note that it is proposed to provide a 15m high Smart Streetpole Solution in the specified location. See below a photograph of a similar Smart Streetpole and cabinet installed in Stradbally Co Laois in February 2019. This was installed under a Section 254 Licence granted by Laois County Council on 17th October 2018.



The street pole has an approx. diameter of 324mm and will be galvanised and painted in finish up to 11.3m in height. Above the 11.3m height an antenna will be mounted to a finishing height of 15m.

The antenna will be shrouded by a 406mm sheath to match the pole.

The pole would be accompanied by an Operator Cabinet specifically located in a position agreeable to the local authority engineers. (Refer to detailed drawings attached)

The antenna and structure are designed to blend in with the streetscape, are Irish made and will provide instant 4G coverage

Please see attached separate site location justification and planning assessment prepared by CMC Planning Consultants.

Fig 1. Existing Smart Streetpole Solution as erected in Stradbally, Co Laois

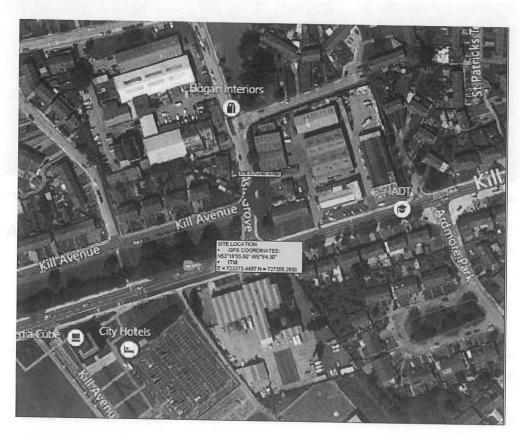


Fig 2. Aerial View Site Location

Please find attached the following documents in respect of the Section 254 Application.

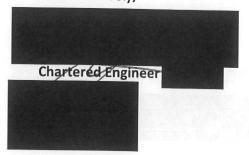
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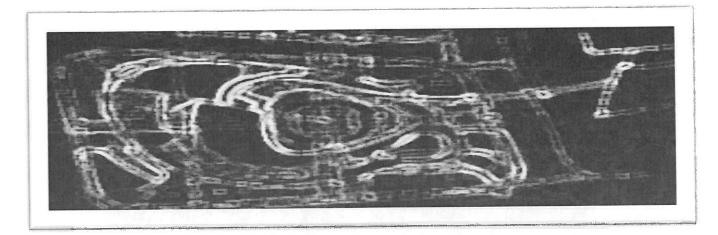
o CMC Planning Consultants Site Specific Planning Assessment

o CMC Planning Consultants – General Planning Report

We trust you find the attached in order. Please don't hesitate to contact the undersigned should you require any further information. We would be obliged if you would acknowledge receipt of the application and payment and we look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours Sincerely,





CMC PLANNING CONSULTANTS

Report on the proposed installation of Cignal Smart Street pole solutions at various locations in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown

September 2019

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Overview

Cignal Infrastructure Ltd is applying for licence to install overground communications infrastructure within the jurisdiction of Dún Laogharie – Rathdown Co. Council (DLR), in order to deliver high speed digital services, on behalf of eir Mobile. In total, there are 15 search ring areas currently identified within the DLR jurisdiction. Under Section 254 (ee) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) a Local Authority can issue a licence for overground electronic communications infrastructure and any associated physical infrastructure, subject to planning and development considerations.

This report comprises a review of the planned development under the general planning considerations laid out in Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. A separate site specific planning assessment will also be prepared, following a desk top review of each location, as requested by DLR at the preplanning stage. Resource materials including relevant drawings and documents, have been provided by Jason Redmond and Associates Consulting Engineers on behalf of Cignal.

It is proposed to install a bespoke support pole with an overall height of 15m carrying three number Tri-sector antennas and one dish, shrouded behind radio friendly material with internal cabling linking the equipment to a small cabinet alongside on behalf of eir Mobile. The installations are required to bring coverage to known blackspot areas, on the operator's network. The infrastructure is generally proposed at roadside locations, within urban streetscapes and in proximity to residential, commercial, educational and social amenity areas.

1.0 Licence Application Requirements

Under S.254 of the Planning and Development Act, an application for a licence has to undergo a series of assessments by the relevant planning and roads authorities. The considerations include the relevant provisions of the development plan and more generally the proper planning and sustainable development of the area as laid out in subsection 5, extracted below.

S.254 (5) In considering an application for a licence under this section a planning authority, or the Board on appeal, shall have regard to—

- (a) the proper planning and sustainable development of the area
- (b) any relevant provisions of the development plan, or a local area plan,
- (c) the number and location of existing appliances, apparatuses or structures on, under, over or along the public road, and
- (d) the convenience and safety of road users including pedestrians.

The locations chosen were assessed against the considerations listed, in order to ensure compliance with the requirements of Section 254 and the proper planning and sustainable development of the respective areas.

2.0 Planning Considerations

Under S.254 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 any proposed development has to be considered compatible with the proper planning and sustainable development of an area, compliant with the Guidelines for telecommunications development, considered against the volume of similar structures and the safety of road users. These considerations are examined below, incorporating the requirements of S.254 (5).

2.1 The Proper Planning and Sustainable Development of the Area

We suggest the provision of telecoms infrastructure should be considered under S.254 as part of the general mix of utility development in urban streetscapes. Please refer to the site specific assessment attached, wherein each location is reviewed to ensure that there are no conditions present that would prevent the installation of the proposed pole.

2.2 Relevant Provisions of the County Development Plan

In line with the licence requirements, the proposed locations were assessed against the content of the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Development Plan 2016-2022. The Telecommunications provisions in the DLR County Development Plan include policies to support and facilitate the provision of appropriate infrastructure and next generation services, balanced against environmental considerations. The County Development Plan (CDP) reflects the importance of the provision of a modern telecommunications infrastructure, to support the local economy, develop the knowledge economy and attract new industry.

3.1.2.2 Policy E2: Knowledge Economy It is Council policy to promote the development of knowledge-based enterprise in the County. The Council will liaise with Enterprise Ireland, the IDA, Forfás, the County's Third Level Institutions and other relevant organisations to identify opportunities in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown for the promotion of research and development/innovation and, in particular, to promote the location of new industry in the County that is generated from innovation processes.

It is Council policy to promote the rollout of high speed broadband, in particular next generation networks, to support knowledge-based enterprises.

5.1.5.3 Policy E128: Telecommunications Infrastructure It is Council policy to promote and facilitate the provision of an appropriate telecommunications infrastructure, including broadband connectivity and other technologies, within the County. The widespread availability of a high quality telecommunications network throughout Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown will be critical to the development of a knowledge economy, will help attract inward investment in hi-tech knowledge based industries and will engender the image of the County as the premier entrepreneurial County in the State.

The advantages of a high quality telecommunications network must, however be, balanced against the need to safeguard the rural and urban environment, particularly in sensitive areas where the impacts on residential amenity and visual amenity of areas needs to be adequately assessed.

8.2.9.9 Telecommunications Antennae and Structures In the consideration of proposals for telecommunications antennae and support structures, applicants will be required to demonstrate Compliance with the Planning Guidelines for Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures' (1996) and Circular Letter PL 07/12 issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government (as may be amended from time to time), and to other publications and material as may be relevant in the circumstances.

Extract 1 Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Development Plan 2016 – 2022

The proposed infrastructure is compliant with the general policies of the Authority in relation to the roll out of smart technology infrastructure, while not overtly impacting on the respective host environments. The proposed development sites were specifically chosen on survey with the CDP requirements in mind and a desk study was undertaken to assess visual or amenity impacts, prior to the proposal being advanced.

2.2.1 Guidelines for Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures (1996)

The general principle of the proposed development is compliant with the aims of the Planning Guidelines for Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures (1996) in terms of design and visual impact as outlined below.

Siting

The Guidelines outlines the importance of suitable site specific infrastructure when proposing suitable locations.

4.2 Design and Siting

The design of the antennae support structure and to a great extent of the antennae and other "dishes" will be dictated by radio and engineering parameters. There may be only limited scope in requesting changes in design. However, the applicant should be asked to explore the possibilities of using other available designs where these might be an improvement. Similarly, location will be substantially influenced by radio engineering factors

The Guidelines acknowledge that radio engineers are restricted by network parameters when choosing a site location. This would appear to be more relevant today, where most networks are operating on a mixture of primary mast and secondary roof installations, which are used to provide infill coverage to specific towns or roads. Typical infill sites have a low coverage radius and blackspots emerged where coverage dropped off in outlying residential areas, where demand is greatest. These blackspots can occur within 500m of an installation- depending on the landscape or topography. Modern construction methods also impact on the indoor signal strength available.

The locations within DLR were chosen using a tailored search ring provided by the operator's radio engineers specifically to eliminate blackspots on the network, in response to increasing demands for high data speeds from home workers and local enterprises.

The Report of the Mobile Phone and Broadband Taskforce 2016 examined use of Local Authority land to facilitate the delivery of telecommunications services, it surmised that

"The Taskforce is of the opinion that requests for access to State-owned assets that are appropriate and reasonable should be facilitated in order to address telecommunications service deficits".

It is therefore considered that siting suitable telecommunications infrastructure alongside roadways is acceptable and development should be permitted in principle, subject to the proper planning and sustainable development of the subject location.

Visual Impact

While it is acknowledged that there will be some degree of visual impact from the installation of utility infrastructure, it is considered that views of the infrastructure are acceptable if they are not dominant or distracting. Any proposal should be viewed within the context of its immediate surroundings. The Guidelines' recommendations as to the criteria used to assess the impact of the development are detailed below.

4.3 Visual Impact:

The visual impact is among the more important considerations which have to be taken into account in arriving at a decision on a particular application. In most cases the applicant will only have limited flexibility as regards location, given the constraints arising from radio planning parameters, etc., already referred to. Visual impact will, by definition, vary with the general context of the proposed development. Consequently the approach of the authority will vary depending on whether the proposed development is in...a suburban area a larger town or city. Some masts will remain quite noticeable in spite of the best precautions...There will be local factors which have to be taken into account in determining the extent to which an object is noticeable or intrusive – intermediate objects (buildings or trees), topography, the scale of the object in the wider landscape, the multiplicity of other objects in the wider panorama, the position of the object with respect to the skyline, weather and lighting conditions, etc.

Only as a last resort and if the alternatives suggested in the previous paragraph are either unavailable or unsuitable should free-standing masts be located in a residential area or beside schools. If such a location should become necessary, sites already developed for utilities should be considered and masts and antennae should be designed and adapted for the specific location. The support structure should be kept to the minimum height consistent with effective operation and should be monopole (or poles) rather than a latticed tripod or square structure.

The applicant is proposing a low profile solution, designed to deliver localised services to acknowledged blackspot areas. It is considered that the installation of a localised solution site in a blackspot area is a matter of "last resort" as, by definition, the existing infrastructure has failed to provide sufficient coverage for localised services. The sensitive deliver of next generation services to these blackspot areas has directly influenced the design of the infrastructure, as required in the Guidelines. The bespoke slimline pole solution, which replicates taller lamp standards and CCTV poles, has been designed to enable the provision of next generation antennas, within the narrowest profile possible. To achieve this slender profile, a slimline antenna has been developed specifically for the urban environment. The antenna used are 3.7m long designed to fit within a 406mm diameter shroud.

The proposed locations are all sited on Local Authority land in proximity to the roads network. These urban highways currently house a variety of utility infrastructure such as lampposts, traffic lights and cabinets, which offer context to the pole in the wider streetscape. Once in situ, the pole should not appear inconsistent in its environment, in terms of its design and impact on an urban landscape. In most cases there are existing trees and/or infrastructures to ameliorate views of the installations and offer a visual balance to its height. The poles are steel grey, which will replicate existing lampposts and blend into the Irish skyline and the cabinets are proposed in green.

In general, the height of telecommunications infrastructure is determined by a variety of factors, most particularly network requirements. According to the source material provided eir Mobile has determined that an overall height of 15m is required in order to provide the required coverage and to clear local obstacles that could cause network interference.

The "Green Book", Guidance on Potential Location of Overground Telecommunications Infrastructure on Public Roads offers advice to operators and planners on accommodating telecoms infrastructure alongside roadways. The Green Book acknowledges that the type of infrastructure required will vary, depending on a number of factors, such as location, existing road type and network coverage targets.

In Section 5.4 Consideration of Suitability of Locations, it refers to the use of standalone poles as the preferred option in urban settings where there is a wide verge or similar- see Table A below, extracted from the Green book.

Consideration of Opportunities to Facilitate Telecommunications Infrastructure on the Roads Network Urban Roads						
General	Opportunities	Comment				
masts. There may be opportunities in the vicinity of some roundabouts.	Opportunities are generally limited to locations where a wide verge or footpath allows the accommodation of small cabinets/antennae and/or the erection of stand-alone poles to accommodate telecommunications infrastructure.	Stand-alone poles are the preferred option in urban areas, a there are ongoing operations and maintenance issues relating to accommodating electronic equipment on lighting columns.				

Figure 1: Table A Guidance on potential location of overground telecommunications infrastructure on public roads

We also note Appendix A of the Green Book, which offers examples of existing in situ pole like Infrastructure, particularly examples three and four, both of which are structures of 15m and over.

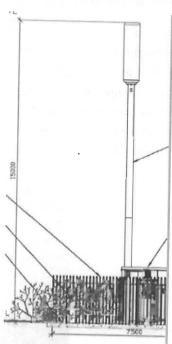


Fig. 2 Extracted from the Green Book Appendix A: Example 3 Smaller Single Operator Site

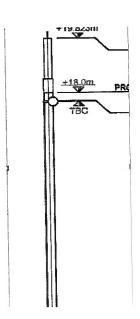


Fig. 3 Extracted from the Green Book Appendix A: Example 4 Minimum size mast installation

In general, the bespoke slimline solution proposed is relatively unobtrusive and compares favourably to use of largescale masts and rooftop installations, which tend to be more visually dominant. The use of long narrow antennas provides for a consistent width, which is more aesthetically favourable in an urban setting than the "lollypop" style pole seen in example 3 above.

The design of telecommunications infrastructure has changed considerably since the Guidelines were written in 1996. However, the principles outlined in the Guidelines in terms of assessment can still offer assistance in determining whether a proposed solution is suitable to the proper planning and sustainable development of the location. Image 1 below which is extracted from the Appendix 1D of the 1996 Guidelines, illustrates what was considered acceptable in terms of design and impact in a residential area in 1996. Image 2, which shows the proposed Cignal infrastructure, attests to the progress in design terms of localised communications infrastructure.

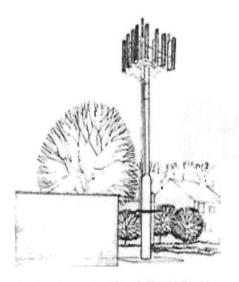


Image 1 Appendix 1D 1996 Guidelines

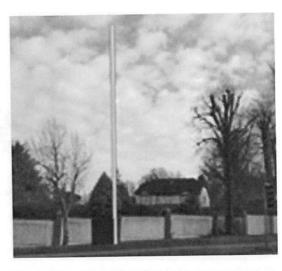


Image 2. Photomontage of proposed installation

The legislation is silent in defining the design or dimensions of any of the numerous structures and apparatus permissible under S. 254, for whatever use. It is for the planner to determine the suitability of the infrastructure in the context of the County Development Plan, the Guidelines and the Green Book. It is considered that the type of bespoke solution proposed is generally compliant with the guidance contained in these documents.

Visual Assessment Criteria

Each proposed installation was assessed to determine its potential visual impact on the immediate location. The criteria detailed in the Environmental Protection Agency Guidelines were used to assess the impact levels of the proposed development on the landscape, see Table 1 and 2 below. The criteria measure the degree of sensitivity and potential impact of the proposed development, taking the cityscape and existing natural/environmental screening into account.

IMPACT LEVEL CRITERIA

Imperceptible: An impact capable of measurement, but without noticeable consequences. No discernible deterioration or improvement in the existing view.

Slight: An impact which causes noticeable changes in the environment without affecting its sensitivities. The impact has been minimised by its scale or intervening topography and vegetation.

Moderate: An impact that alters the character of the environment as a result of changes to an appreciable segment of the view or intrusion in the foreground.

Significant: An impact by which its character, magnitude, duration or intensity alters a sensitive aspect of the environment. Where a view is obstructed or so dominated by a proposed scheme that it becomes the focus of attention.

Profound: An impact on a view that removes all sensitive characteristics or completely obstructs or alters the view

Table 1 Environmental Protection Agency Guidelines

These ratings are further assessed by the Type of Impact, which may be viewed as Neutral, Positive or Negative and as outlined below.

TYPE OF IMPACT

Neutral represents a change that does not affect the quality of the environment.

Positive represents a change that improves the quality of the environment.

Negative represents a change that diminishes the quality of the environment.

Table 2 Environmental Protection Agency Guidelines

Impact level also takes into consideration the duration of the impact, the construction stage works quite often have a negative visual impact to varying degrees, but the impacts are considered temporary and lessen as the site becomes integrated into its environment and an accepted part of the streetscape.

Based on the above mentioned criteria, desk top assessments indicate that while the proposed developments are located in areas, which would usually result in a high degree of visibility for a standard monopole, the bespoke solution proposed is capable of merging with the existing public service infrastructure, which should lessen its visual dominance from the majority of vantage points. The greatest impact is anticipated in close proximity to the site, where the pole will be contextualised by the existing roads and utility development. Where visible, the shrouded design will act to screen the antennas entirely and diminish any impact.

Overall it is considered that, while the poles will be visible in their respective locations, there is no overtly detrimental impact anticipated and any views of the shrouded infrastructure will be low impact and within acceptable parameters, in the context of a roadside location.

2.3 The number of existing structures and appliances along the public road

The Authority has to consider the cumulative effect of installing additional street furniture alongside the public road, which is particularly relevant in the context of urban streetscapes. Survey notes provided by Jason Redmond and Associates suggest that the presence of existing infrastructure and services played a part in determining the most suitable location for the poles, within the parameters of the Operator's network requirements. The space available to pedestrians and other users was also considered in siting the poles.

While agreeing that a predominance of obelisk structures could have a cluttering effect, it's considered that the existing lampposts are beneficial to contextualise the proposed pole and ameliorate visual impact.

2.4 The convenience and safety of road users including pedestrians.

According to the Green Book, standalone poles are the preferred option in urban areas on wide verges or footpaths. It is considered that all efforts were made to ensure that the proposed locations would not impact on the convenience and safety of road users and pedestrians. The infrastructure was deliberately sited on land that had sufficient space to house the structure, without compromising existing utility services. These locations will be further assessed by the respective Local Authority Roads Engineer, as part of the licence process, to ensure that the additional infrastructure does not present a hazard.

3.0 Summary

This report sought to assess the principle of installing street solutions in the jurisdiction of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, against current legislation and guidelines. It has determined that the provision of telecommunications infrastructure adjacent to the roads network is permitted under current legislation and encouraged by guidelines issued by the State.

Under Section 254 (ee) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) a Local Authority can issue a licence for *overground electronic communications infrastructure* and any *associated physical infrastructure*, subject to planning and development considerations.

The proposed infrastructure on Local Authority land accords with the National Broadband Plan and the Digital Agenda for Europe, which advocates for this type of installation to support Next Generation rollout. Furthermore, use of Local Authority land for utility infrastructure was thoroughly explored by the Roadworks and Licensing Working Group, established to address issues involved in the granting of Road Opening Licences to telecoms operators by both the Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and Local Authorities. The resulting publication, the Green Book, lays out the considerations required when assessing roadside development and recommends the use of slimline poles in urban areas.

Each proposed development was assessed against the County Development Plan, the Green Book and the Guidelines to ensure compliance. The visual and environmental impact of the infrastructure required to deliver enhanced services was a consideration in the design stages. The adopted design is considered to be innovative and appropriate in delivering required services directly to the demand centres.

A review of the development's potential impact shows that the proposed poles will have a similar effect on the amenity of the area as existing public service infrastructure, such as lampposts or CCTV poles. Indeed it is considered that these structures are not only less visually impactful than a monopole/mast solution but considerably less visually impactful than exposed rooftop installations, many of which are exempted development under Class 31 of the P&D Regulations.

It is considered that the design proposed, which allows for an expansion in broadband services to the County with minimal environmental impact, conforms to the principles of proper planning and sustainable development, and as such should be favourably viewed by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Co. Council.



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To Whom It May Concern

7th January 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

Confirmation of Insurance – Cellnex Ireland Ltd, Cignal Infrastructure Limited and/or Cellcom Ireland Ltd and/or On Tower Ireland Ltd.

As requested by you, we are writing to confirm that we act as your Insurance Broker and that we have arranged insurance(s) on your behalf as detailed below with insurers who are authorised to conduct insurance business in Ireland by their respective regulatory authority(ies). A copy of this letter may be provided by you to third parties who have a legitimate need to receive confirmation of your insurance cover.

Business Description

Provides telecommunications infrastructure solutions

EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY

INSURER:

XL Insurance Company SE

POLICY NUMBER:

PERIOD OF INSURANCE:

1st January 2022 to 28th February 2022 (both days inclusive)

LIMIT OF INDEMNITY:

€13,500,000 (for each and every occurrence)

PUBLIC LIABILITY

INSURER:

XL Insurance Company SE

POLICY NUMBER:

PERIOD OF INSURANCE:

1st January 2022 to 28th February 2022 (both days inclusive)

LIMIT OF INDEMNITY:

€6,500,000 (any one event and in the aggregate during the period of insurance)

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Declaration under Regulation 5 of the European Communities (Electronic Communications)(Authorisation) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 335 of 2011)

To whom it may concern

In accordance with the terms of Regulation 5 of the European Communities (Electronic Communications)(Authorisation) Regulations 2011, the Commission for Communications Regulation hereby confirms that the undertaking named below has submitted a notification pursuant to Regulation 4(1)

Authorised Person: Cignal Infrastructure Ltd

and in accordance with that Regulation is deemed to be authorised to provide an electronic communications network or electronic communications service subject to the terms and conditions of a general authorisation issued by the Commission for Communications Regulation.

An Authorised Person may:

- (a) provide the electronic communications networks or services as described in the notification and which is recorded in the public register maintained for that purpose by the Commission for Communications Regulation,
 (b) apply for a consent under section 52 and the communications regulation.
- (b) apply for a consent under section 53 of the Act of 2002 to commence or carry out road works. Applications for such consent shall be made to the road authority in whose functional area the Authorised Person proposes to carry out the road works.
- apply for a licence under section 254(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 for the establishment of overground electronic communications infrastructure and any associated physical infrastructure on, under, over or along a public road. Applications for such a licence shall be made to the planning authority in whose functional area the Authorised Person proposes to establish the infrastructure.

Where an Authorised Person is providing an electronic communications service or network to the public, such Authorised Person has the right to negotiate interconnection with another Authorised Person or another undertaking deemed to be authorised in another Member State. The right to negotiate interconnection is subject to the provisions of the European Communities (Electronic Communications Networks and Services)(Access) Regulations 2011 and any decisions,



determinations, requirements, specifications, notifications and directions issued by the Commission for Communications Regulation from time to time. Such interconnection shall be for the purpose of providing publicly available Electronic Communications Services in order to ensure the provision and interoperability of services.

Issued on behalf of the Commission for Communications Regulation by

Title/Position:

Analyst - Market Framework Division

Date:

Name:

3 March 2016



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Radio Emissions Statement

As an operator of a Mobile Telecommunications Network *Eir Ltd* is aware of its requirements in relation to management of electromagnetic field radiation and are committed to management of risk to our employees, members of the public and any other groups who may be affected by our networks. All of the radio equipment on our network and our radio base stations are "Safe by Design" and are designed to meet international health and safety standards and best practice, including the relevant guidance from International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) and from the Communications Regulator in Ireland.

Eir Ltd own and operate mobile telecommunications sites across Ireland. These sites are built and managed to operate within the limits for exposure to Electromagnetic Fields which are set by the Communications Regulator and are based on guidance from the International Council for Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) and meet the requirements of directives from the European Commission. The issue of radiation from Mobile Phones has been a concern for many people since the introduction of this technology significant numbers of studies have been performed and have been reviewed by international experts. The World Health Organisation in their fact sheet on Electromagnetic fields and public health: mobile phones have stated that "A large number of studies have been undertaken on both acute and long-term effects from HF (High Frequency EMF Radiation) exposure typical of base stations. Research at these levels of exposure has provided no conclusive evidence of any related adverse health effects". (Ref; http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs193/en/). In their on line Q&A on Mobile Phones and Cancer the WHO also states "Studies to date provide no indication that environmental exposure to RF fields, such as from base stations, increases the гisk of cancer or any other disease " (http://www.who.int/features/ga/30/en/)

The International Council on Non Ionising Radiation Protection, who are the lead independent agency on non-ionising radiation safety have stated "A large number of studies have been undertaken on both acute and long-term effects from HF (High Frequency Non Ionising Radiation) exposure typical of base stations. Research at these levels of exposure has provided no conclusive evidence of any related adverse health effects." (http://www.icnirp.org/en/applications/base-stations/index.html) in late 2015 The European Commission's Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks published a "Final Opinion on the Potential health effects of exposure to electromagnetic fields (EMF)" The expert opinion is based on the latest scientific studies and expert review. In its summary the Scientific Committee state that "The results of current scientific research show

that there are no evident adverse health effects if exposure remains below the levels recommended by the EU legislation.

Our antennae are well below this level) Overall, the epidemiological studies on radiofrequency EMF exposure do not show an increased risk of brain tumours. Furthermore, they do not indicate an increased risk for other cancers of the head and neck region."

The maximum exposure levels that are set by ICNIRP for Public exposure to radiation in the mobile phone frequency range is 28 V/m. All of our sites are designed and maintained to operate well within these guideline limits. Independent compliance inspections that are carried out for our company and are published by the Communications Regulator on their website (www.siteviewer.ie) show that the levels of EMF radiation from mobile telecoms masts in Ireland ranges between 0.5-3V/m, well within the safe exposure limits advised by international experts.

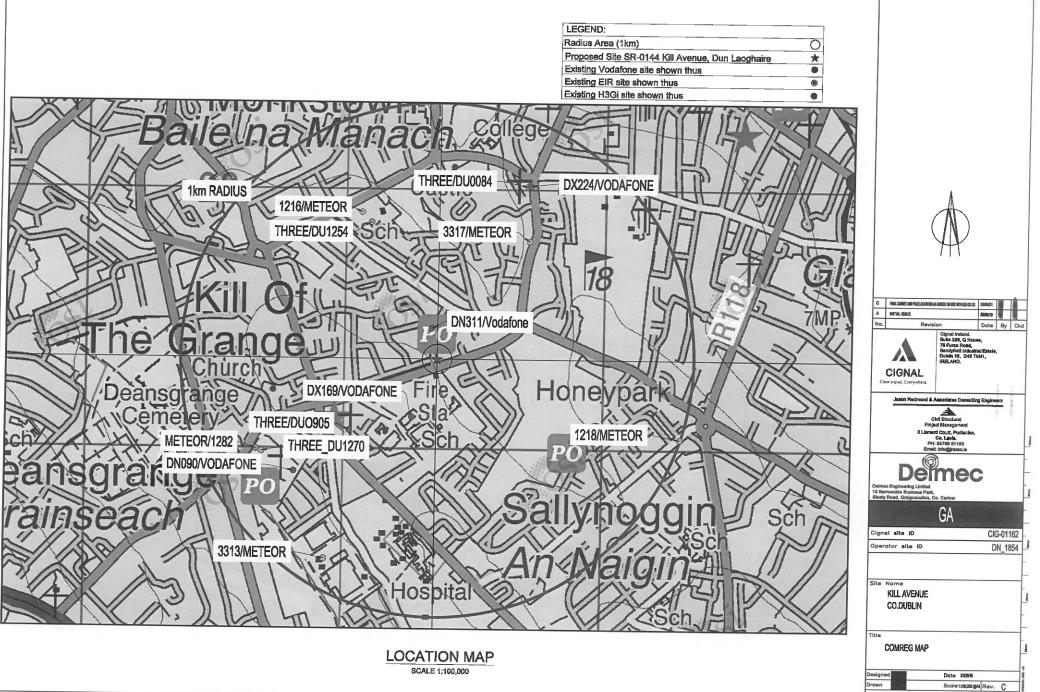
We continue to monitor the advice and guidance given by Government, international experts and equipment manufacturers to ensure that the sites that we operate continue to operate well within the limits set for exposure of members of the public and for our employees and contractors who will work at your location.

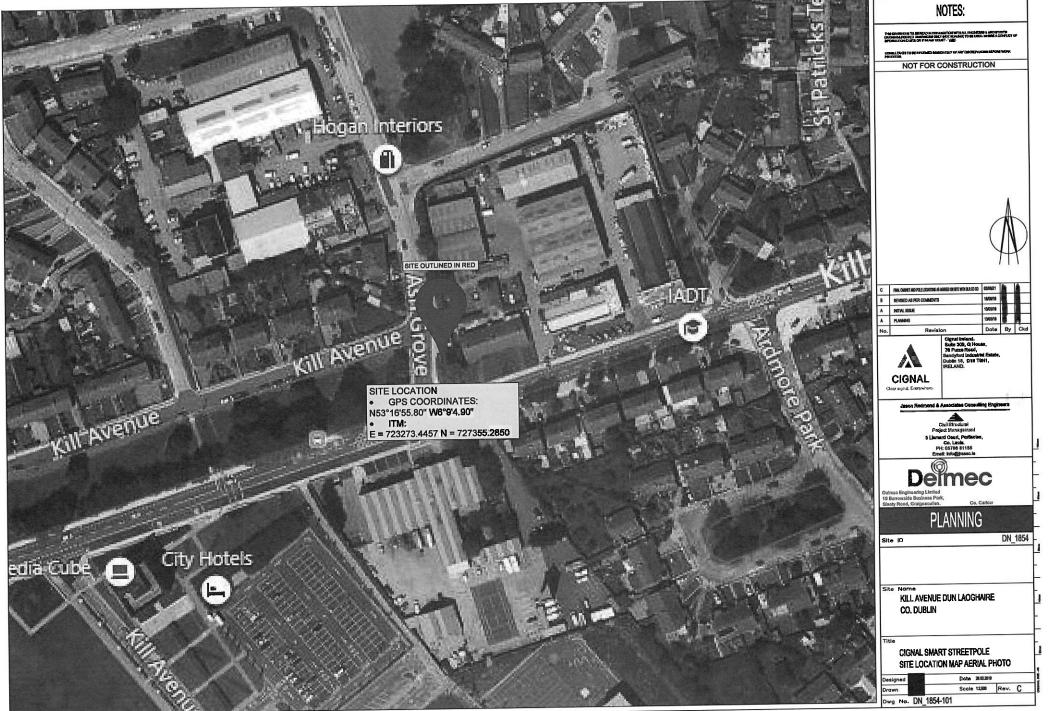
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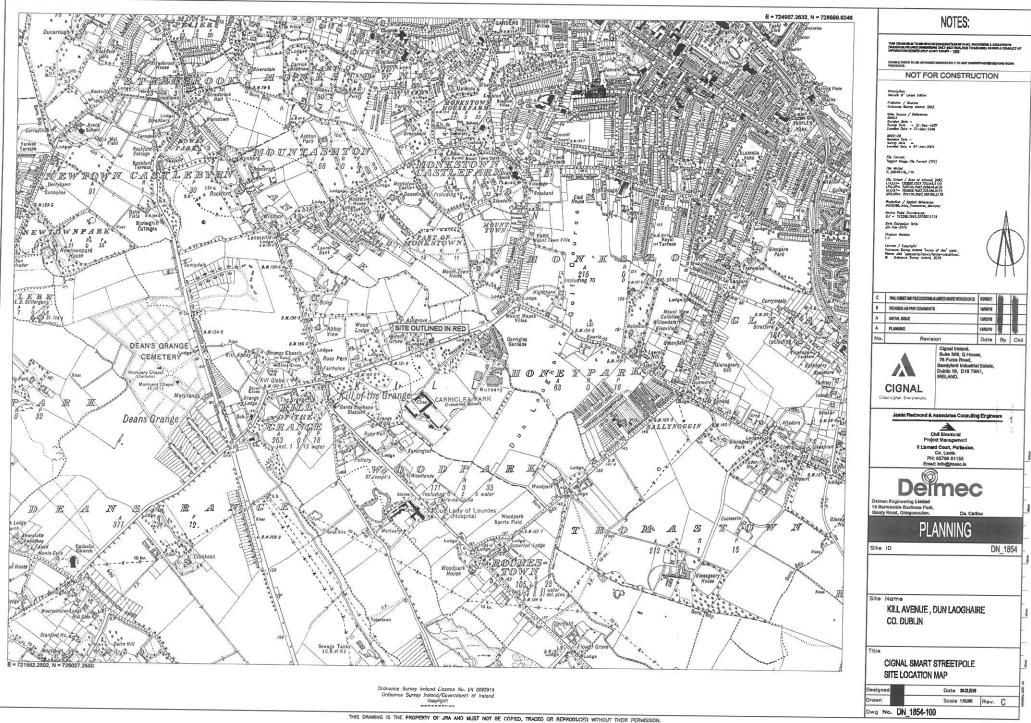
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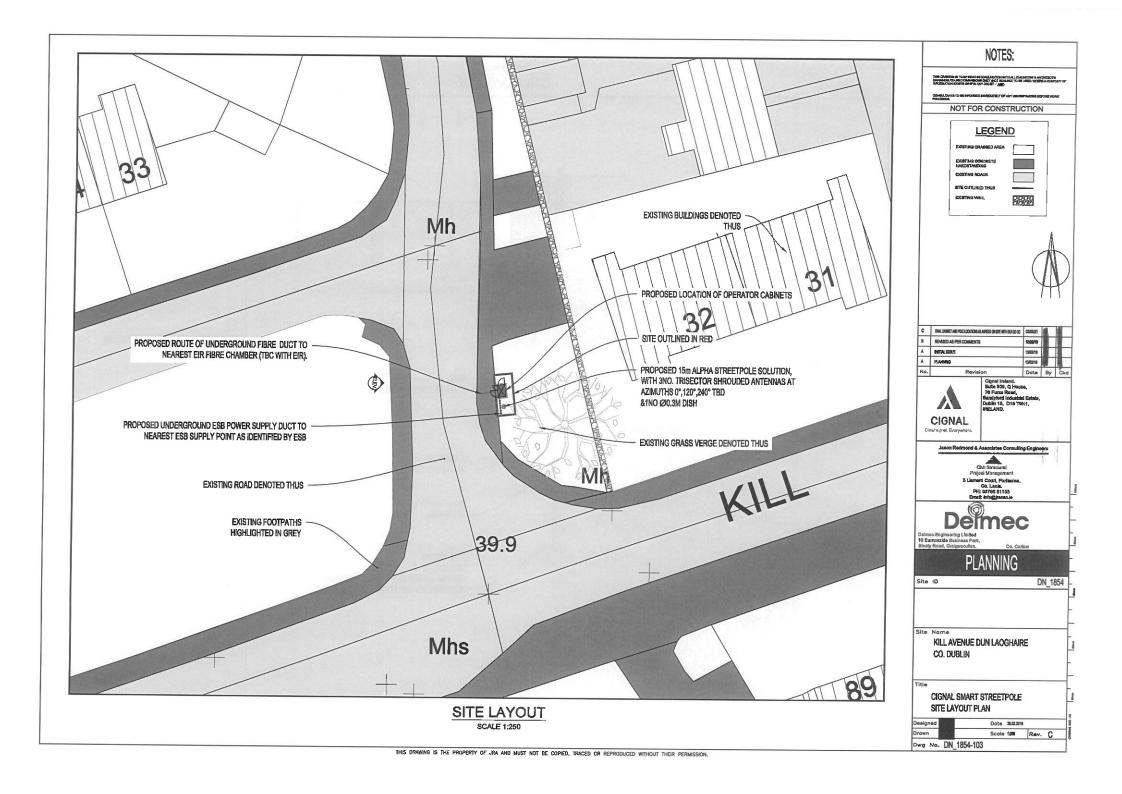
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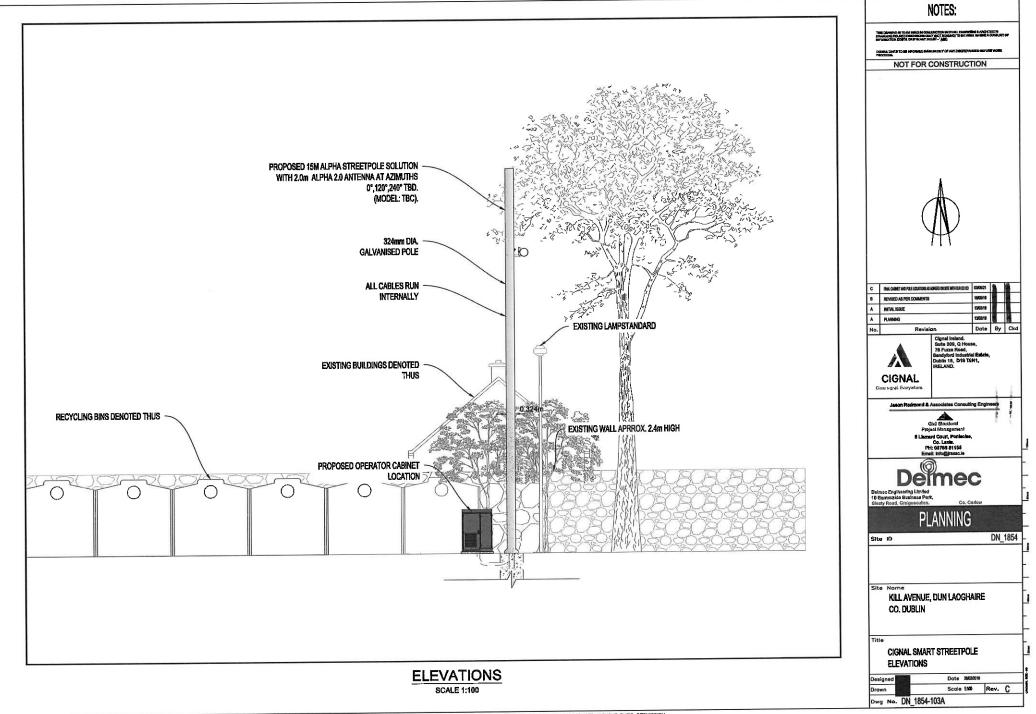




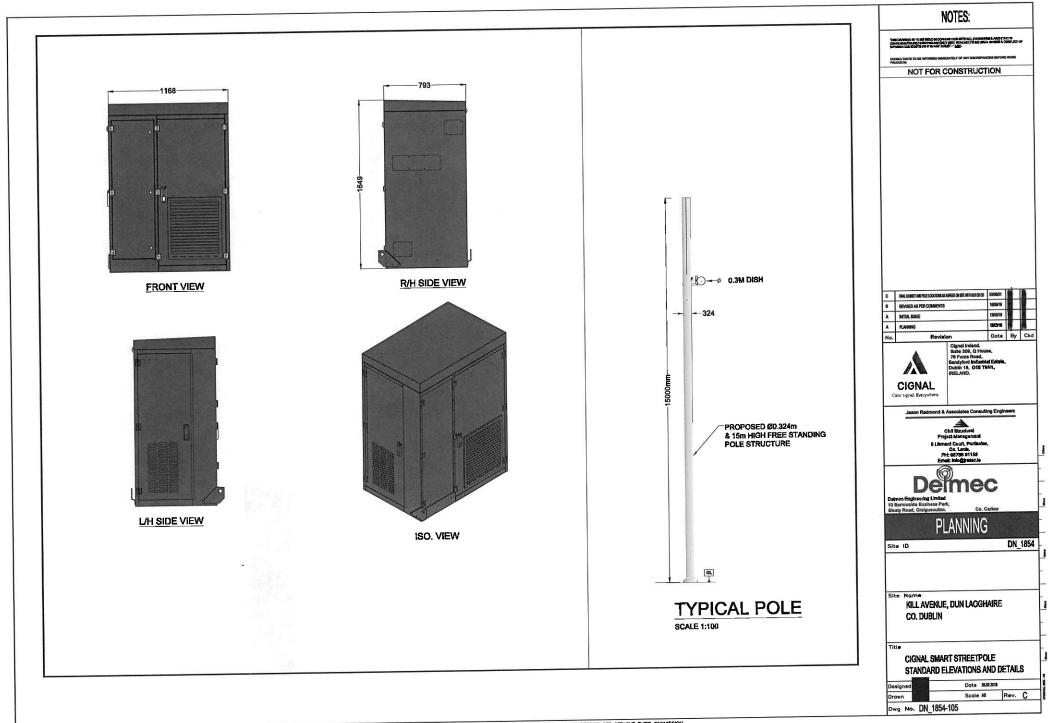
















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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 (SECTION 254) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001

LICENCE TO PLACE A TELECOMMUNICATION CABINET AND POLE ON THE PUBLIC FOOTPATH/ROADWAY

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council ("the Council") grants to

Cignal Infrastructure Ltd ("the Licensee")

a Licence to place and maintain 1 Telecommunications Cabinet measuring externally 1.54m³ (1.17mL × 0.798mW × 1.652mH), and a pole area 0.824m² (height 15m) subject to a minimum footpath clearance of 1.8m and the General Licence Conditions pertaining to the issue of this licence (see reverse) at Kill Avenue adjacent to the junction with Ashgrove.

	Senior Engineer
	Iones Piclan
Expiry date of licence: 22/07/2026	
Date of grant of licence: 23/07/2021	
Public Liability Insurance: Policy no.	
Underwriter: AXA	

The granting of this licence does not exempt the licensee from the provisions of any other legislation





The decision by the Council to grant a licence to the Licensee is made subject to the following conditions:

- Plans and Particulars The telecommunications street pole and associated operator cabinet shall be
 installed and completed in its entirety fully in accordance with the plans, particulars and
 specifications lodged with this Section 254 licence application, save as may be required by the other
 conditions set out in this licence, and the height and other dimensions as specified in those particulars
 shall not be exceeded.
- 2. Duration of Licence The duration of this agreement is for five years only. The agreement shall expire five years from the date of the grant of the licence. Within three months of the expiry date, the pole and cabinet shall be removed by the Licensee and the area reinstated to the satisfaction of the Council at the Licensee's expense and as specified in other conditions.
- 3. Withdrawal of License Under section 254(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, the Council has the right to withdraw this licence and require the Licensee to remove the appliance, apparatus or structure at the Licensee's own expense where in the opinion of the Council by reason of the increase or alteration of traffic on the road or of the widening of the road or of any improvement of or relating to the road, the appliance, apparatus or structure causes an obstruction or becomes dangerous. In the event of a withdrawal of a licence under section 254(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, all reinstatement works shall comply with the "Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads" unless specifically stated otherwise and in accordance with the requirements of the Council.

Any notice issued by the Council to the Licensee to withdraw this Licence under section 254(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 or otherwise shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or sent by pre-paid ordinary post to the Licensee's registered office at Unit 311, 76 Furze Rd, Sandyford Business Park, Sandyford, Dublin 18, D18 YV50. Any such notices shall be deemed to have been delivered to the Licensee on the date of delivery of the notice if the notice is delivered by hand or the date following the date of posting of the notice, if the notice is sent by ordinary pre-paid post.

- 4. Obsolescence In the event of obsolescence of the installed infrastructure (telecommunications street pole, antenna and operator cabinet) or withdrawal or expiry of the license without renewal, the telecommunications street pole, antenna and associated operator cabinet shall be removed from the site and the site reinstated at the expense of the Licensee in accordance with the requirements of the Council. The Licensee shall reinstate and where appropriate repair any damage to the public area, with all works to the satisfaction of the Council at the Licensee's expense. All reinstatement works shall comply with the "Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads" unless specifically stated otherwise and in accordance with the requirements of the Council.
- 5. No additional dishes, antennae or other equipment No additional dishes, antennae or other equipment other than that demonstrated on the plans, particulars and specifications lodged with this Section 254 licence application, shall be attached to the telecommunications street pole and antenna unless agreed in writing between the Council and the Licensee.





- 6. Installation and Drainage The installation of the telecommunication street pole and associated operator cabinets shall not impair the operation of the existing land and roadside drainage and the Licensee shall not interfere with roadside drainage without the prior written agreement of the Council.
- 7. Road Opening License: No works are to be carried on/in a public road until the Licensee is in receipt of a Road Opening License issued by the Council (Section 13(10)(b) of the Roads Act (1993)), providing all documentation is correctly submitted.
- 8. Footpath and Cyclists The Licensee shall ensure that the telecommunications street pole and cabinet shall not obstruct pedestrians, cyclists and will not to create a road safety hazard. The specific location is to be prior agreed with the Council.
- 9. *Maintenance* Access to the licence area for maintenance purposes by any statutory undertakers shall be available at all times.
- 10. Change of Ownership The Licensee shall notify the Council in writing of any change of ownership, transfer to a new operator or any subsequent agreements to the sharing of the telecommunications street pole and associated operator cabinets.
- 11. Legislation This licence is for the telecommunications street pole, antenna and cabinet and nothing in this licence shall be construed as negating the Licensee's statutory obligations or requirements under any other enactments or regulations, including planning legislation, building legislation and The Roads Act 1993.
- 12. Payment of fee The granting of the licence is subject to payment of the appropriate fee and adherence to the requirements and does not automatically guarantee the renewal in subsequent years
- 13. Sub-letting This Licence is personal to the Licensee and may not be assigned or sub-let, however the Licensee may permit third party customers of the Licensee to use the pole and Telecommunications cabinet subject to the terms of the Licence.
- 14. Breach Any breach of the terms of the Licence by the Licensee's third party customers shall constitute a breach by the Licensee of this License and the Licensee shall remain fully liable for the acts or omissions of any third party customers authorised to use the pole or Telecommunications cabinet including any negligence of the third party customers.
- 15. Change in use A change in use of the licenced area will require the submission of a new licence application
- 16. Maintenance during license The Licensee shall maintain the area used for the cabinet and pole, and the cabinet and pole in an acceptable condition so as not to constitute a nuisance e.g. free from graffiti
- 17. Insurance Prior to the erection of any equipment under this licence, the Licensee shall provide evidence to the Council of public liability insurance to a minimum level of 7 million euro which indemnifies the Council for third party claims arising from the installation of the equipment. The Licensee must provide evidence of such insurance cover remaining in place for each year of the Licence. Failure to provide such annual updates of insurance cover to the Council will give grounds to the Council to withdraw this Licence from the Licensee.





- 18. If accidental damage is caused to the cabinet and pole or associated network, the Council will not be responsible for any claims made against it by the licensee or their customers.
- 19. The cabinet and pole shall be suitably anchored and of robust and stable construction to prevent movement in adverse wind conditions or when repair works etc are being carried out on the adjacent footpath.
- 20. The Licensee shall supply to the Council a contact name and number that is available at all times, including outside normal working hours so that any reports of damage to the structure can be passed to the licensee and rectified without delay.
- 21. Any works which require the use of a mobile crane or hoist will require the applicant to submit an application for a mobile crane and hoist licence prior to the commencement of the development. This is covered under a surface permit application. Any scaffolding requirements are also covered under a surface permit license.

