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4th April 2023

Applicant: OnTower Ireland Limited
Agent: Entrust Ltd.

I am responding in relation to this application to apply for PERMISSION for a new 24 m high telecommunications monopole structure carrying antennas, dishes and associated equipment together with ground-based cabinets, and all associated site development at Laytown Railway Station, Laytown, Co. Meath.

A review of COMREG’s Outdoor coverage map (below) for the three network providers Three Ireland, Vodafone and Eir shows that there is currently coverage from two providers on 3 and 4G services from the existing site on Alverno House. This equipment is visible on the chimney of the building, but it is likely that the ability to upgrade the services to include faster 4G or higher capacity networks would be limited.

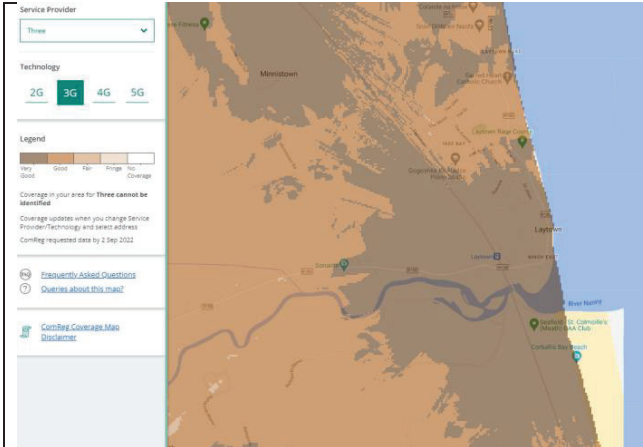


Figure 1 Three Ireland Outdoor 3G Coverage (Source COMREG Outdoor Coverage Map [4th April 2023])

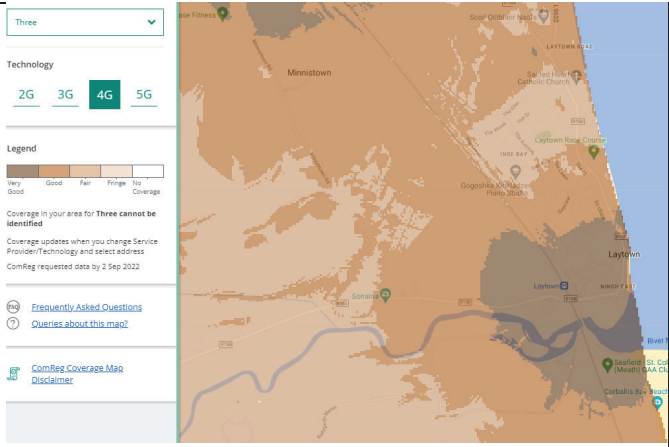


Figure 2. Three outdoor 4G coverage (Source COMREG Outdoor Coverage Map [4th April 2023])

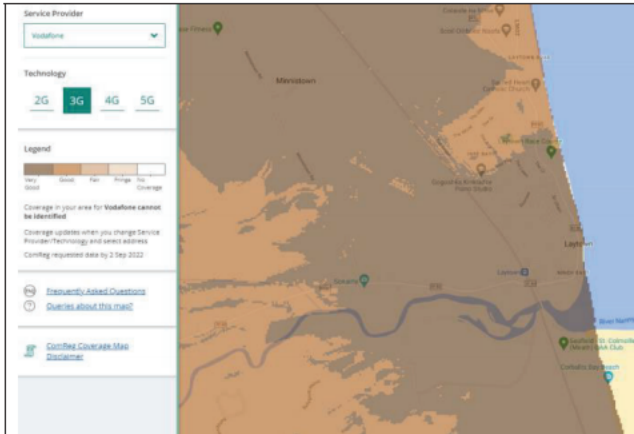


Figure 3. Vodafone outdoor 3G coverage (Source COMREG Outdoor Coverage Map- 4th April 2023)

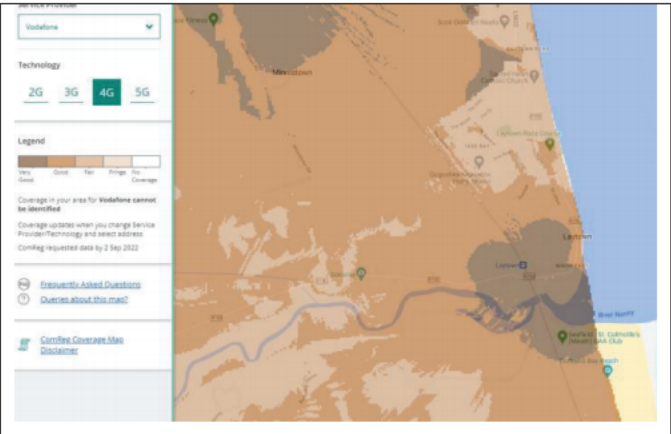


Figure 4. Vodafone outdoor 4G coverage (Source COMREG Outdoor Coverage Map- 4th April 2023)

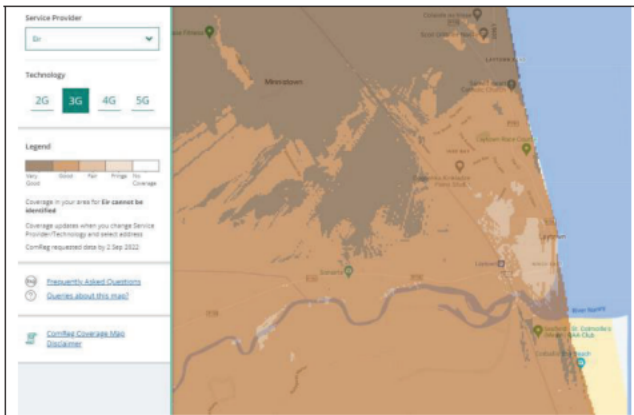


Figure 5. Eir outdoor 3G coverage (Source COMREG Outdoor Coverage Map- 4th April 2023)

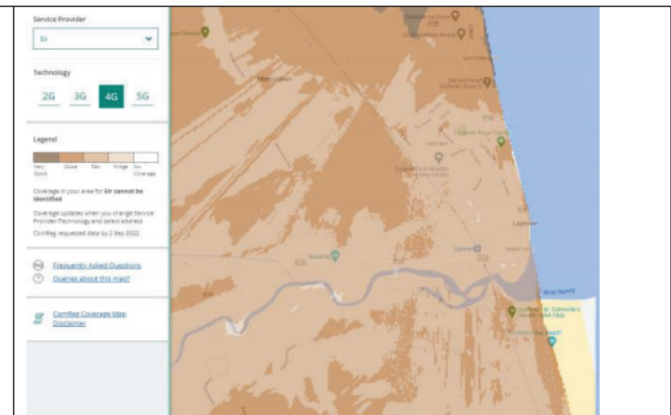


Figure 6. Eir outdoor 4G coverage (Source COMREG Outdoor Coverage Map- 4th April 2023)

Currently eir does not have any equipment on a site in Laytown but they have secured permission for a S254 monopole along the R150 opposite Laytown Racecourse. This could potentially provide for their requirements in this area however the developer of the eir pole have confirmed that it's height and capacity would not facilitate other service providers.

A new structure will be needed somewhere in the proximity of Laytown to provide the coverage identified by the applicant, particularly if the current site is lost or cannot be upgraded. There are already existing issues with services for residents in Inse Bay and Beach Park on some networks. Increasing demand on mobile networks and the requirement for higher speeds is necessitating upgrading and densification of mobile networks across the country.

Yours sincerely,



Broadband Officer
On Behalf of Meath County Council