



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Leitrim County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: P.19/243

Appeal by Ciaran Smyth care of Liam Madden of Vitruvius Hibernicus, Convent Road, Longford against the decision made on the 17th day of January, 2020 by Leitrim County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Remcoll 2 Limited care of Meitheal Architects of 15 Father Mathew Quay, Cork in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

Proposed Development: Development comprising a three-storey office building over the existing basement car park, incorporating the partially constructed ground floor of a previously permitted development (Plan File Number P07/585) and provides 2,467 square metres (gross) of office accommodation. The proposal also includes alterations to the existing ground floor footprint, provides alternative fire escape arrangements from the existing adjoining structure. Permission is further sought for all necessary and ancillary site development works to facilitate the development. Connection to the existing basement car park is to be maintained at the premises known as the “Rock Quarter” on a site at Cannaboe, Ballinamore, County Leitrim.

Decision

GRANT permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the said plans and particulars based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the conditions set out below.

Matters Considered

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard. Such matters included any submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the zoning objective for the site, the provisions of the Leitrim County Development Plan 2015-2021, the existing pattern of development in the area and the nature and scale of the proposed development, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity, or create a traffic hazard for road users. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions. Where such conditions require details to be agreed with the planning authority, the developer shall agree such details in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development and the development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed building shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of the visual amenities of the area.

3. (a) Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall enter into water and/or waste water connection agreement(s) with Irish Water.

(b) Drainage arrangements, including the disposal and attenuation of surface water, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

4. The construction of the development shall be managed in accordance with a Construction Management Plan, which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This plan shall provide details of intended construction practice for the development, including noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

Reason: In the interests of public safety and residential amenity.

5. No signage, advertising structures/advertisements, security shutters, or other projecting elements, including flagpoles, shall be erected within the site unless authorised by a further grant of planning permission.

Reason: To protect the visual amenities of the area.

6. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0800 to 1900 Mondays to Fridays inclusive, between 0800 to 1400 hours on Saturdays and not at all on Sundays and public holidays. Deviation from these times will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances where prior written approval has been received from the planning authority.

Reason: In order to safeguard the residential amenities of property in the vicinity.

7. No additional development shall take place above roof parapet level, including lift motor enclosures, air handling equipment, storage tanks, ducts or other external plant, telecommunication aerials, antennas or equipment, unless authorised by a further grant of planning permission.

Reason: To protect the residential amenities of property in the vicinity and the visual amenities of the area.

8. All service cables associated with the proposed development (such as electrical, telecommunications and communal television) shall be located underground. All existing over ground cables shall be relocated underground as part of the site development works.

Reason: In the interests of visual and residential amenity.

9. The developer shall pay to the planning authority a financial contribution in respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefiting development in the area of the planning authority that is provided or intended to be provided by or on behalf of the authority in accordance with the terms of the Development Contribution Scheme made under section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The contribution shall be paid prior to commencement of development or in such phased payments as the planning authority may facilitate and shall be subject to any applicable indexation provisions of the Scheme at the time of payment. Details of the application of the terms of the Scheme shall be agreed between the planning authority and the developer or, in default of such agreement, the matter shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála to determine the proper application of the terms of the Scheme.

Reason: It is a requirement of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that a condition requiring a contribution in accordance with the Development Contribution Scheme made under section 48 of the Act be applied to the permission.

Terry Prendergast
Member of An Bord Pleanála
duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board

Dated this day of 2020