



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Longford County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 19/101

APPEAL by Michael and Mary Connaughton care of Tracy Connaughton of 10 Knock, Lanesboro, County Longford against the decision made on the 11th day of February, 2020 by Longford County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Michael and Nancy Casserly care of JA Gorman Consulting Engineers Limited of Unit 1, Block B, Forest Park, Mullingar, County Westmeath.

Proposed Development: Retention of the existing extended commercial storage yard at Knock, Lanesboro, County Longford.

Decision

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the reasons and considerations 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

1. The proposed development comprises part of a larger commercial development and would facilitate the intensification of this use and associated parking, loading and unloading requirements. It is considered that the arrangements for traffic management are ambiguous and inadequate to cater for the parking demand generated by the proposed development, thereby leading to conditions which would be prejudicial to public safety by reasons of traffic hazard within the site and on the public roads in the vicinity.

2. On the basis of the information provided with the application and appeal the Board cannot be satisfied that the proposed development individually, or in combination with other plans or projects would not be likely to have a significant effect on Lough Ree Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000440) and Lough Ree Special Protection Area (Site Code: 004064), or any other European site, in view of the site's Conservation Objectives. In such circumstances the Board is precluded from granting permission.

John Connolly

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board

Dated this day of 2020