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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020**

**Planning Authority: West Cork County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 20/00306**

**APPEAL** by Murphy Stores Berehaven Limited care of The Villiers Consultancy of 5 Riverview House, Weir Side, Bandon, County Cork against the decision made on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020 by Cork County Council to refuse permission to Murphy Stores Berehaven Limited.

**Proposed Development** Demolition of a former convent building, proposed extension to existing adjacent car park and associated site works, all at Knockaneroe, Castletownbere, County Cork.

**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**

The former convent building on the site is a structure listed in the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) and is a building attributed a rating value of regional importance which is of architectural, artistic and social special interest. It is the objective of the current Cork County Development Plan to give regard to, and consideration of, all structures which are included in the NIAH for County Cork which are not currently included in the Record of Protected Structures in development management functions (Objective HE 4-2). It is considered that the proposed development of additional surface car-parking spaces would not provide sufficient justification for the demolition of the building. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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**John Connolly**

**Member of An Bord Pleanála**

**duly authorised to authenticate  
the seal of the Board.**

**Dated this            day of            2021.**