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Board Direction
PL25M.247256

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on November 29th 2016.

The Board treated this case under section 48 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. The Board also decided that the planning authority be directed, as follows:

Amend condition 7

Reasons and Considerations,

Having regard to the planning history and to the previous financial contributions paid in respect of the building, to the nature of the development now proposed, which constitutes the change of use of an existing building and the retention for an external plant room, to the Westmeath County Council Development Contribution scheme 2013-2020, particularly Section 7 (xix) and Section 7 (xviii), it is considered that the appropriate contribution applicable in this case is €26,122 based on €2,203 for the retention element of the existing development and €23,919 (€28,236 less €4,317) for the proposed change of use element.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to charge zero for the change of use, the Board considered that the planning authority had correctly applied the Development Contribution Scheme however that the authority not made an allowance for the €4317 previously paid in 1995. Therefore, the amount payable for the change of use is €28,236 less €4,317 = €23,919.

Board Member _____ **Date:** 29.11.16
Paul Hyde