

Board Direction ABP-304918-19

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 31/10/2019.

The Board decided, as set out in the following Order, that:

WHEREAS a question has arisen as to whether the staging of a one-day music festival in Mondello Park, Donore, Naas, County Kildare is or is not development or is or is not exempted development:

AND WHEREAS Padraig McEvoy of Coiseanna Hill, College Road, Clane, County Kildare requested a declaration on the question from Kildare County Council and no declaration issued by the planning authority:

AND WHEREAS Padraig McEvoy referred the question for decision to An Bord Pleanála on the 12th day of July, 2019:

AND WHEREAS An Bord Pleanála, in considering this referral, had regard particularly to -

- (a) Sections 2, 3, 229, 230, 231 and 240 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, and
- (b) the planning history of the site and relevant precedent referrals and decisions:

AND WHEREAS An Bord Pleanála has concluded that -

(a) the staging of a one-day music festival in Mondello Park constitutes an 'event'

as defined by section 229 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as

amended, and

(b) in accordance with section 240(1) of the Act, the holding of an event to which

Part XVI of the Act applies and works directly or solely relating to such an event

shall not be construed as "development" within the meaning of the Act:

NOW THEREFORE An Bord Pleanála, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by

section 5 (3) (b) of the 2000 Act, hereby decides that the staging of a one-day music

festival in Mondello Park, Donore, Naas, County Kildare is not development.

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.

Board Member: Date: 31/10/2019

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