

Board Direction BD-012392-23 ABP-314339-22

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 09/06/2023.

The Board decided to grant permission generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations, and subject to the following conditions.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the Galway City Development Plan 2023 – 2029 and the planning history of the site, it is considered that, subject to the temporary retention of the prefabricated classrooms for use as a preschool and afterschool childcare facility only, the proposal would be compatible with the zoning objective for the site and no material contravention of this objective would occur. No Appropriate Assessment issues would arise. The proposal would, therefore, accord with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

 The development shall be retained in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, as amended by the further plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 10th day of August 2022, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. The prefabricated classrooms shall only be used as a preschool and afterschool childcare facility.

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The use of the prefabricated classrooms as a preschool and afterschool childcare
facility shall cease and the prefabricated classrooms shall be removed and the
site cleared on or before the expiration of a period of five years from the date of
this order.

Reason: The existing use is not acceptable in principle as a standalone use in this area and its retention for an indefinite period would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Note: The Board noted the inspectors recommendation that the retention be granted for 3 years but concluded that retention for 5 years was warranted and reasonable in this instance

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Date: 09/06/2023