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**Board Direction**  
**BD-012959-23**  
**ABP-316110-23**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 20/07/2023.

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**

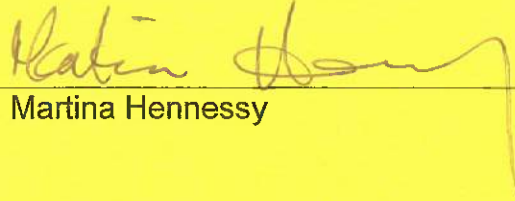
Having regard to the limited nature and scale of the development, and in particular the site specific nature and purpose of the proposed banners to advertise the Witness History Visitor Centre which highlights the cultural, historical and social special interest of the GPO building, and to the policies of the planning authority as set out in the Dublin City Development Plan 2022 - 2028 to promote tourism within the city, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development proposed to be retained would not detract significantly from the character and setting of the landmark Protected Structure or the O'Connell Street Architectural Conservation Area and would not seriously injure the visual amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity. The development proposed to be retained would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

## Conditions

1.	<p>The development shall be retained in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions. Where such conditions require details to be agreed with the planning authority, the developer shall agree such details in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development and the development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> In the interest of clarity</p>
2.	<p>The permission for the two banner signs shall be for a period of eighteen months from the date of this Order at which date the permission shall cease and the banner signs shall be removed, and the building returned to its former state unless a further permission has been granted before the expiry of that date.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To allow for a review of the development having regard to the circumstances then pertaining and in the interest of visual amenity</p>
3.	<p>The two banner signs shall be removed for the duration of any formal State commemoration services which feature the GPO building.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To maintain the architectural and historic integrity of this protected structure during events of national significance.</p>
4.	<p>a) A conservation expert shall be employed to manage, monitor and implement the works on the site and to ensure adequate protection of the retained and historic fabric during the works. In this regard, all permitted works shall be designed to cause minimum interference to the retained building and façade structure and fabric.</p> <p>b) All works to the protected structure will be carried out in accordance with best conservation practice as detailed in the application and the Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht in 2011.</p>

**Reason:** To ensure that the integrity of the protected structure is maintained and protected from unnecessary damage or loss of fabric.

**Board Member**



Martina Hennessy

**Date:** 20/07/2023

