

Board Direction BD-019902-25 ABP-321900-25

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 11/06/2025.

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 established nature of the storage facility on site it is considered that subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the subject development which comprises of retention of change of use of part of an existing storage building for warehousing and storage use other than solely in connection with the operation of Emerald Park; omission of condition 2 of Ref. ABP-301053-18 to facilitate the change of use; and, retention of an ancillary refrigeration unit, is an acceptable form of development at this location and would not seriously injure the amenities of adjoining properties, and would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience and would therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



1. The development shall be retained and carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, as amended by the further plans and particulars received by the planning authority on the 31st October 2024, 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.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

 Apart from any departures specifically authorised by this permission, the development shall comply with the conditions of the parent permission [Register Reference ABP-301053-18] unless the conditions set out hereunder specify otherwise. This permission shall expire on the same date as the parent permission.

Reason: In the interest of clarity and to ensure that the overall development is carried out in accordance with the previous permission.

3. The refrigeration unit shall be used solely in connection with the operation of Ashbourne Visitor Centre Ltd./ the operators of Emerald Park.

Reason: In the interests of development control.

4. The attenuation and disposal of surface water shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall submit details for the disposal of surface water from the site for the written agreement of the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

5. The developer shall pay to the planning authority a financial contribution in respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefiting development in the area of the planning authority that is provided or intended to be provided by or on behalf of the authority in accordance with the terms of the Development Contribution Scheme made under section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The contribution shall be paid prior to commencement of development or in such phased payments as the planning authority may facilitate and shall be subject to any applicable indexation provisions of the Scheme at the time of payment. Details of the application of the terms of the developer or, in default of such agreement, the matter shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála to determine the proper application of the terms of the Scheme.

Reason: It is a requirement of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that a condition requiring a contribution in accordance with the Development Contribution Scheme made under section 48 of the Act be applied to the permission.

Board Member

Date: 11/06/2025 Paul Caprani