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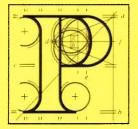
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An Coimisiún Pleanála

Direction CD-020297-25 ABP-322223-25

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 22/07/2025.

The Commission decided by majority (2:1) to grant permission generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations, and subject to the following conditions.

Planning Commissioner:

Date: 22/07/2025

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DRAFT WORDING FOR ORDER

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the land use zoning of the subject site, the provision of the Mayo County Development Plan 2022-2028, to the Retail Planning Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2012 (DoECLG), to the design, scale and layout of the proposed development and pattern of existing and proposed development in the surrounding area, it is considered that subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, would provide for an appropriate form of development on this 'Town Centre Zoned' site and would not adversely impact upon the built heritage of the area or the amenities of the properties in the vicinity, would not undermine the Town Centre or retail future of Swinford and would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

The development shall be 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 18th day of February 2025, 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.

2. Mitigation measures outlined in the Natura Impact Assessment lodged with the application on the 27th day of March 2024, shall be carried out in full, except where otherwise required by conditions attached to this permission.

Reason: In the interest of protecting the Natura 2000 Sites.

- (a) Deliveries to the development shall be undertaken outside of the operating hours of the permitted supermarket, but no earlier than 0700 hrs.
 - (b) Delivery arrangements shall be as per drawing number 22066/P/003 Rev F1 Proposed Site Layout Plan submitted to the planning authority on the 18th day of February 2025.

Reason: In the interest of traffic safety and to safeguard the residential amenities of the area.

4. The development shall open only between 0800 to 2200 hours on Mondays to Saturdays and between 0900 to 2100 hours on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Reason: In order to safeguard the residential amenities of the area.

5. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed development shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

6. Prior to the occupation of the supermarket, details of all advertising signage, including the proposed colour and finish and level of illumination (lux) of the signage shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

7. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, no advertisement signs including any signs installed to be visible through the windows, advertisement structures, banners, canopies, flags, or other projecting elements shall be displayed or erected on the retail units or within the curtilage of the site, unless authorised by a further grant of planning permission.

Reason: To protect the visual amenities of the area.

8. (a) The developer shall engage a suitably qualified licence eligible archaeologist (licensed under the National Monuments Acts) to carry out pre-development archaeological testing in areas of proposed ground disturbance and to submit an archaeological impact assessment report for the written agreement of the planning authority, following consultation with the National Monuments Service, in advance of any site preparation works or groundworks, including site investigation works/topsoil stripping/site clearance/dredging/underwater works and/or construction works.

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- (b) The report shall include an archaeological impact statement and mitigation strategy. Where archaeological material is shown to be present, avoidance, preservation in-situ, preservation by record and/or monitoring may be required. Any further archaeological mitigation requirements specified by the planning authority, following consultation with the National Monuments Service, shall be complied with by the developer.
- (c) No site preparation and/or construction works shall be carried out on site until the archaeologist's report has been submitted to and approval to proceed is agreed in writing with the planning authority.
- (d) The planning authority and the National Monuments Service shall be furnished with a final archaeological report describing the results of any subsequent archaeological investigative works and/or monitoring following the completion of all archaeological work on site and the completion of any necessary post-excavation work. All resulting and associated archaeological costs shall be borne by the developer.

Reason: To ensure the continued preservation either in situ or by record of places, caves, sites, features or other objects of archaeological interest.

9. No additional development shall take place above roof parapet level, including lift motor enclosures, air handling equipment, storage tanks, ducts or other external plant, telecommunication aerials, antennas, or equipment, unless agreed in writing with the planning authority.

Reason: To protect the residential amenities of property in the vicinity and the visual amenities of the area.

10. Public lighting shall be provided in accordance with a final scheme to reflect the indicative details in the submitted Public Lighting Report, details in this regard shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development/installation of lighting. Such lighting shall be provided prior to the making available for occupation of the development.

Reason: In the interest of amenity and public safety.

11. The Landscape scheme to the planning authority on the 27th day of March 2024, shall be implemented fully in the first planting season following the substantial completion of the external construction works. All planting shall be adequately protected from damage until established. Any trees, plants or shrubs which die or are removed within three years of planting shall be replaced in the first planting season thereafter.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

12. All service cables associated with the proposed development such as electrical, telecommunications and communal television shall be located underground. Ducting shall be provided by the developer to facilitate the provision of broadband infrastructure within the proposed development.

Reason: In the interest of visual and residential amenity.

13. Site development and building works shall be carried out between the hours of 0700 to 1900 Mondays to Fridays inclusive, between 0800 to 1400 hours on Saturdays and not at all on Sundays and public holidays. Deviation from these times will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances where prior written approval has been received from the planning authority.

Reason: In order to safeguard the residential amenities of property in the vicinity.

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14. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall prepare a Resource Waste Management Plan (RWMP) as set out in the Environmental Protection Agency's Best Practice Guidelines for the Preparation of Resource and Waste Management Plans for Construction and Demolition Projects (2021), including demonstration of proposals to adhere to best practice and protocols. The RWMP shall include specific proposals as to how the RWMP will be measured and monitored for effectiveness; these details shall be placed on file and retained as part of the public record. The RWMP shall be submitted to the planning authority for written agreement prior to commencement of development. All records (including for waste and all resources) pursuant to the agreed RWMP shall be made available for inspection at the site office at all times.

Reason: In the interest of sustainable waste management.

15. The construction of the development shall be managed in accordance with a Construction Management Plan, which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This plan shall provide details of intended construction practice for the development, including noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

Reason: In the interest of public safety.

16. A minimum of 10% of all car parking spaces shall be provided with functioning electric vehicle charging stations/points, and ducting shall be provided for all remaining car parking spaces, facilitating the installation of electric vehicle charging points/stations at a later date. Where proposals relating to the installation of electric vehicle ducting and charging stations/points have not been submitted with the application, in accordance with the above noted requirements, such proposals shall be submitted and agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to the occupation of the development.

Reason: To provide for and/or future proof the development such as would facilitate the use of electric vehicles.

17. 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 Scheme shall be agreed between the planning authority and the developer or, in default of such agreement, the matter shall be referred to An Coimisiún 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.

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