

Direction CD-021463-25 ACP-323294-25

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 25/11/2025.

The Commission decided 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: 03/12/2025

Liam McGree

DRAFT WORDING FOR ORDER

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the provisions of the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028, in particular Objective SCSI O14 (Childcare Facilities), the established use of the site as a childcare facility, and the location, design and scale of the proposed extension, it is considered that subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the residential or visual amenities of the area. The Commission considered that the proposal would not require the provision of any additional on-site car parking, over and above the existing level of provision, having regard to the site's location relative to existing residential areas,

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schools and employment centres, as well as the number of visitors to the site using sustainable modes of transport. The Commission therefore considered that the proposed development would be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. 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 23rd day of June 2025, and on the 21st day of July 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. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall submit for the written agreement of the planning authority an Operational Traffic Management Plan in accordance with the requirements of the planning authority. This shall include details of car parking layout and management.

Reason: In the interests of traffic safety and to protect residential amenity.

3. Safe and secure bicycle parking spaces shall be provided within the site. The number of bicycle parking spaces within the site shall be agreed in writing with the planning authority, prior to commencement of development. Details of the layout and marking demarcation of these spaces and ancillary cycle storage facilities shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: To ensure that adequate bicycle parking provision is available to serve the proposed development, in the interest of sustainable transportation.

 The creche childcare facility shall not operate outside the period of 0730 to 1800 hours Monday to Friday inclusive, except public holidays, and shall not operate on Saturdays, Sundays or public holidays.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.

5. The 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: To prevent flooding and in the interests of sustainable drainage.

6. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall enter into a Connection Agreement (s) with Uisce Éireann to provide for a service connection(s) to the public water supply and/or wastewater collection network.

Reason: In the interest of public health and to ensure adequate water/wastewater facilities.

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7. The developer shall engage a suitably qualified (licensed eligible) archaeologist to monitor (licensed under the National Monuments Acts) all site clearance works, topsoil stripping, groundworks, or the implementation of agreed preservation in-situ measures associated with the development, following consultation with the Local Authority Archaeologist. Prior to the commencement of such works the archaeologist shall consult with and forward to the Local Authority archaeologist a method statement for written agreement. The use of appropriate tools and/or machinery to ensure the preservation and recording of any surviving archaeological remains shall be necessary. Should archaeological remains be identified during the course of archaeological monitoring, all works shall cease in the area of archaeological interest pending a decision of the planning authority, in consultation with the National Monuments Service, regarding appropriate mitigation, preservation in-situ or excavation.

The developer shall facilitate the archaeologist in recording any remains identified. Any further archaeological mitigation requirements specified by the planning authority, following consultation with the National Monuments Service, shall be complied with by the developer.

Following the completion of all archaeological work on site and any necessary post-excavation specialist analysis, the planning authority and the National Monuments Service shall be furnished with a final archaeological report describing the results of the monitoring and any subsequent required archaeological investigative work/excavation required. 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.

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

Reason: To safeguard the amenity of property in the vicinity.

9. 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, surface water management and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

Reason: In the interests of public safety and residential amenity.

10. 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.