An Bord Pleanála



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2015

Fingal County

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APPEAL by Mark Wright care of O'Neill Town Planning of Oakdene, Howth Road, Howth, County Dublin against the decision made on the 23rd day of September, 2016 by Fingal County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to The Minister for Agriculture, Food and The Marine care of John Sutton of The Department of Agriculture, Food and The Marine, Marine Engineering Division, Leeson Lane, Dublin.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Construction of a new roundabout, modifications and additions to adjacent footpaths, installation of traffic islands, pedestrian crossings, traffic control barriers at the syncrolift, erection of associated signage and all associated site works, all at West Pier, Howth Fishery Harbour Centre, Howth, County Dublin (at the junction with road to Middle Pier).

DECISION

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard. Such matters included any submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to the mix of industrial, marine related, leisure, retail, tourism and restaurant uses occurring at West Pier where the pier and buildings function as a natural extension of Howth Town Centre, to the daily interaction between high volumes of heavy commercial vehicles, cars and pedestrian traffic movements in this area and to the provisions of the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and Department of Environment Community and Local Government, 2013), it is considered that the design of the proposed development, and in particular the provision of the proposed roundabout, would be likely to lead to unsafe pedestrian and vehicular traffic conflicts, endangering public safety by reason of traffic hazard, and would be contrary to the principles, as set out in the said Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission, the Board, while fully supportive of proposals to enable improved traffic and pedestrian movements in the area, did not consider that the proposed roundabout would accord with the principles, as set out in the said Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets particularly in respect of facilitating safe and convenient pedestrian movements.

> Member of An Bord Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Board.

Dated this

day of

2016.