

An Bord Pleanála



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2015

Limerick City and County

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APPEAL by The Educena Foundation care of HRA Planning of 3 Hartstonge Street, Limerick against the decision made on the 30th day of September, 2015 by Limerick City and County Council to refuse permission.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: The demolition of the former Saint Joseph's Secondary School building and associated school buildings and remedial and associated site works at the former Saint Joseph's Secondary School site at Lisgaugh, Doon, County Limerick.

DECISION

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

MATTERS CONSIDERED

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

The Sisters' of Mercy National School (the former Saint Joseph's Secondary School) is identified in the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage as being of local architectural, artistic and social interest, and constitutes part of an assemblage of buildings that includes the Sisters of Mercy Convent and Chapel. In the absence of a more detailed architectural, conservation and cultural heritage assessment of the buildings, which is supported by maps and drawings showing the evolution of the school building complex and provides greater detail in respect of the evolution of buildings 1 and 2 in particular, the Board is not satisfied that the proposed development would not be detrimental to the architectural heritage of the area, would not damage the integrity of the historic streetscape and would not contravene Objective EH 037: General Protection of Architectural Streetscapes as set out in the Limerick County Development Plan 2010-2016. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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

Dated this day of 2016.