



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order PL 17.248115

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2017

Planning Authority: Meath County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: TA/161419

Appeal by Eco Advocacy of Trammon, Rathmolyon, Enfield, County Meath and by An Taisce care of Ian Lumley of Tailors' Hall, Back Lane, Dublin against the decision made on the 6th day of February, 2017 by Meath County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Keegan Precast Limited care of Declan Brassil and Company Limited of Lincoln House, Phoenix Street, Smithfield, Dublin in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

Proposed Development: Temporary three-year retention of a concrete silo structure with a footprint of 99 square metres and measuring approximately 28.6 metres in height, associated with, and ancillary to, the existing permitted precast concrete facility permitted under Reference TA/20408. The concrete silo is being utilised for the design, testing and development of a precast concrete prototype silo, all at Trammon, Rathmolyon, County Meath.

Decision

GRANT permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the said plans and particulars based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the conditions 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

Having regard to the location of the structure for retention within an existing quarry site, the pattern of development in the vicinity of the structure, the planning history of the site and the policies, as set out in the Meath County Development Plan 2013 - 2019, the Board considered that the retention of the structure for a period of three years from the date of this order, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, would not seriously injure the residential or visual amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity, would not be prejudicial to public health and would generally be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience. The Board accepted and adopted the screening assessment and conclusion carried out in the Inspector's report and was satisfied that the proposed development, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on the River Boyne and River Blackwater Special Area of Conservation (Site Code 002299) or any other European site, in view of the site's Conservation Objectives. Furthermore, the Board accepted the Inspector's findings in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment and was satisfied that the proposed development was not likely to have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed development for retention would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. The development for retention shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. The use of the prototype silo shall cease after three years from the date of this order and shall then be removed from site within six months unless otherwise approved by the planning authority or An Bord Pleanála by way of a further grant of planning permission.

Reason: To comply with the terms of the planning application lodged.

3. The development shall comply with the conditions set out under planning reference numbers 00/2075 and TA/20408, except where conditions hereunder specify.

Reason: In the interest of the proper planning and development of the area.

4. The silo shall only operate between the hours of 0700 and 1900 from Monday to Friday, between the hours of 0700 and 1400 on Saturdays and not at all on Sundays, Bank or Public Holidays.

Reason: To protect the residential amenity of the area.

5. The noise levels generated by the development shall not exceed 55 dB(A) LAeqT during operations and 45 dB(A) LAeqT at any other time when measured at the nearest occupied house. When measuring the specific noise level the time shall be one-hour period during which the sound emission is at its maximum level.

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

