

Board Order PL 04.249088

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2017

Planning Authority: Cork County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 16/7137

Appeal by Liam Edwards of River View, Douglas East, Cork and by Lidl Ireland GmbH care of The Planning Partnership of The Coach House, Dundanion, Blackrock Road, Cork and by others against the decision made on the 31st day of July, 2017 by Cork County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to the said Lidl Ireland GmbH.

Proposed Development Construction of a Licenced Discount Foodstore with ancillary infrastructure and associated site development works (all totalling 2,871 square metres gross floor area and ranging in height equivalent from one to two storeys) on a site of approximately 0.83 hectares. The proposed new Licenced Discount Foodstore comprises of: A retail sales area with ancillary off-licence use and bakery (total net retail sales area of 1,690 square metres), entrance pod, public facilities (including lobby and toilets), staff facilities (including lobby and operational office), storage (including cold storage), stairs and lift to first floor, plant room and delivery area, all at ground floor level (totalling 2,506 square metres ground floor gross floor area); staff welfare (including toilets, change rooms and showers), roof terrace, staff room, IT room, store room, office, internal plant area, stairs, and lift from ground floor, all at first floor level (totalling 332 square metres first floor gross

floor area); corporate signage consisting of two number building mounted corporate internally illuminated signs, one number free-standing internally illuminated totem pole sign at entrance, one number directional finger post sign, three number wall mounted externally illuminated poster panel display boards, and one number building mounted externally illuminated information display boards; one number trolley bay covered structure (33 square metres gross floor area); 110 number surface car parking spaces (six number disabled, 12 number parent and child, and 92 number regular); 12 number motorcycle and 29 number bicycle parking spaces; primary vehicular and pedestrian access to the proposed new Licenced Discount Foodstore development will be provided via a new site entrance from the Carrigaline Road; secondary pedestrian access to the proposed new Licenced Discount Foodstore development will be provided via a new dedicated pedestrian site entrance from the Churchyard Lane; and boundary treatments, hard and soft landscaping, services (including one number below ground attenuation tank) and all other ancillary and associated site development works above and below ground level, all at Barry's Field, Carrigaline Road and Churchyard Lane, Douglas, County Cork.

Decision

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development in accordance with 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

Having regard to the objectives of the Ballincollig Carrigaline Municipal District Local Area Plan, 2017, in particular objective SE-T-03 which require that the Barry's Field site be developed in an integrated manner, providing a mixed use development with full frontage along the Church Street and Carrigaline Road to form a continuous commercial strip with the existing Barry's Pub and Restaurant, it is considered that, by reason of its semi-industrial form of design, its lack of civic design and streetscape presence onto Carrigaline Road and its lack of mix of uses on this prominent site within the Church Street Architectural Conservation Area, the proposed development would not contribute to the achievement of this objective, would adversely affect the Church Street Architectural Conservation Area, and would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area. 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 did not concur with the Inspector's view that the proposed development would not conflict with the objective SE-T-03, as set out in the Ballincollig Carrigaline Municipal District Local Area Plan, 2017 and was of the view that the proposed development did not fulfil the objective of the local area plan to provide a full frontage to Carrigaline Road and failed to achieve an architectural design that was compatible with the Church Street Architectural Conservation Area.

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

Dated this day of 2018

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