

Board Order ABP-301979-18

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2018 Planning Authority: Wexford County Council Planning Register Reference Number: 20180552

**Appeal** by Omniplex Holdings Unlimited Company of 1 to 2 Castlewood Place, Rathmines, Dublin against the decision made on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018 by Wexford County Council to refuse permission to the said Omniplex Holding Unlimited Company for the proposed development.

**Proposed Development:** The construction of one new restaurant unit (381 square metres) adjacent to the existing cinema, and the retention of 146 car parking spaces and all associated works at Omniplex Cinema, Old Rosslare Road, Drinagh, County Wexford.

## 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 nature, extent and design of the proposed development, to the general character and pattern of development in the area and to the provisions of the Wexford Town and Environs Development Plan 2009-2015 (extended to 2019) it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not be out of character with the area or constitute a traffic hazard. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

## Conditions

1. The development shall be carried out and retained 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. 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. The permitted unit shall be used solely for a restaurant use.

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3. The disposal of surface water, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services and shall include petrol interceptors to treat surface water before entering ground level. Full details shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

**Reason**: In the interest of public health and to ensure a proper standard of development.

4. Details including samples of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes, signage and lighting to the proposed buildings shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

**Reason**: In the interest of visual amenity.

5. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, or any statutory provision amending or replacing them, no advertisement signs (including any signs installed to be visible through the windows), advertisement structures, banners, canopies, flags, or other projecting elements shall be displayed or erected on the buildings or within the curtilage of the site, unless authorised by a further grant of planning permission. **Reason**: To protect the visual amenities of the area.

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

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

7. No additional development shall take place above roof parapet level, including lift motor enclosures, air handling equipment, storage tanks, ducts or other external plant, telecommunication aerials, antennas or equipment, unless authorised by a further grant of planning permission.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

- 8. A comprehensive landscaping scheme shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority, prior to commencement of development. This scheme shall include the following:-
  - (a) details of all proposed hard surface finishes, including samples of proposed paving slabs/materials for footpaths, kerbing and road surfaces within the development;
  - (b) proposed locations of trees and other landscape planting in the development, including details of proposed species and settings;

- details of proposed street furniture, including bollards, lighting fixtures and seating;
- (d) detail of all boundary treatment.

The boundary treatment and landscaping shall be carried out in accordance with the agreed scheme.

**Reason**: In the interest of protecting the character of the area.

9. Parking for the development shall be provided in accordance with a detailed parking layout which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. The layout shall provide for five number parking spaces which shall be reserved for persons with impaired mobility, which shall be not less than the dimensions set out in the document "Building for Everyone - a Universal Design Approach" (National Disability Authority) circulation aisles with a minimum width of six metres and landscaping within the boundary of the parking area,

**Reason**: To ensure a satisfactory parking layout in the interests of pedestrian and traffic safety and of visual 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 Bord 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.

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

Dated this day of 2018.