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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2018**

**Planning Authority: Westmeath County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 18/6145**

**Appeal** by Michael O’Grady care of Sean Lucy and Associates Limited of Unit 23E Lough Sheever Corporate Park, Mullingar, County Westmeath against the decision made on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018 by Westmeath County Council to grant subject to conditions permission to Lambe Brothers care of Gordon Mitchell Consulting Engineers of Greatdown, The Downs, Mullingar, County Westmeath in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

**Proposed Development:** Retention of existing parking area for cars and heavy goods vehicle parking and all associated ancillary site services adjacent to the existing M6 Service Station at M6 Service Station, Tullamore Road, Kilbeggan, County Westmeath.

**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 existing permitted use of the adjoining site as a service station, the pattern of development in the area, the location of the site on the Kilbeggan–Tullamore Road in close proximity to the motorway network, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the development proposed for retention would be acceptable on a temporary basis in terms of traffic safety and convenience, would not seriously injure the residential amenities of the area and would not be prejudicial to public health. The development proposed for retention would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

## **Conditions**

1. The development shall be retained 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. 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 conditions of the permission granted under An Bord Pleanála appeal reference number PL 25K.241516 shall apply except where modified by the conditions of this permission.

**Reason:** In the interest of clarity.

3. This retention permission shall be for a temporary period only, two years from the date of this Order. The use of this site shall then cease and the hard surfacing and parking area shall be removed and the lands returned to grass on or before this date.

**Reason:** To allow for a review of the development having regard to the circumstances then pertaining including the opening of the M6 Athlone Service Area.

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**Paul Hyde**

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

**Dated this            day of            2018.**