

Board Order ABP-303949-19

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2018 Planning Authority: Galway City Council Planning Register Reference Number: 18/318

**Appeal** by Denis C. Higgins of Galway Primary Care, Harrmack House, Tuam Road, Galway and by Hanover Street Investments Limited care of John Cullinan of Mill House, Henry Street, Limerick and by McCarthy Keville O'Sullivan Limited of Block 1, G.F.S.C., Moneenageisha Road, Galway against the decision made on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019 by Galway City Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to the said McCarthy Keville O'Sullivan in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

Proposed Development: Modifications to a previously permitted (Planning Reference Number 07/268) two-storey over-basement mixed-use development. The development will consist of (a) change of use at ground floor level of 1,136 square metres from bulky goods retail use to office use; (b) change of use at first floor level of 391 square metres from restaurant use to office use; (c) installation of new mezzanine level of 848 square metres for office use; (d) erection of external backlit signage to front (north-west) façade; (e) alterations to rear (south-east) elevation; (f) replacement of two basement

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car parking spaces with an end-of-journey cyclist changing/shower room; and all associated site works at IDA Small Business Park , Tuam Road, Galway.

## 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 design and scale of the proposed development, it is considered that the proposed development, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, would not seriously injure the visual amenities of the area, would not seriously injure the amenities of adjoining property and would be satisfactory in the context of traffic safety and convenience. 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 completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application as amended by the further plans and particulars submitted on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019, 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.

 Water supply and drainage arrangements, including the attenuation and disposal of surface water, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

3. Site development and building works shall be carried out between the hours of 0800 and 1800 from Mondays to Fridays inclusive, between 0800 and 1400 hours on Saturdays and not at all on Sundays or public holidays. Deviation from these times shall only be allowed in exceptional circumstances where prior written approval has been received from the planning authority.

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

4. 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.

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

Dated this day of 2019.