



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Cork County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 18/00591

APPEAL by Lidl Ireland GmbH care of The Planning Partnership of The Coach House, Dundanion, Blackrock Road, Cork against the decision made on the 30th day of April, 2019 by Cork County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: The expansion and associated reconfiguration of the existing Skibbereen Lidl Store car park by removing 15 number car parking spaces and providing 63 number new car parking spaces (resulting in an overall increase of 48 number car parking spaces) on undeveloped lands to the north-east of the existing Skibbereen Lidl Store, a new pedestrian access and vehicular exit only onto Townsend Street, boundary treatments (including a reinforced concrete retaining wall with 1.8-metre high paladine fence fixed on top of retaining wall along north-western site boundary), 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 this site of 0.2666 hectares at Baltimore Road, Townsend Street, Skibbereen, 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 Map 3 of the Skibbereen Town Development Plan 2009 – 2015 and to Objective SK-GO-04 of the West Cork Municipal District Local Area Plan, 2017, the site is the subject of an indicative route of a future distributor road, which is also the subject of a Traffic and Transportation Strategy for Skibbereen. In advance of a detailed design of this route, which would entail the construction of a new road across the subject site, the proposed car park extension would be premature pending the determination by the planning authority or the road authority of a road layout for the area or any part thereof. The proposed development would, therefore, materially contravene objectives of the Skibbereen Town Development 2009-2015 and the West Cork Municipal District Local Area Plan, 2017 and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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

Dated this day of 2019.