

Board Order ABP-304561-19

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019 Planning Authority: Donegal County Council Planning Register Reference Number: 19/50366

**APPEAL** by ERAC Ireland Limited care of John McCallum of Main Street, Milford, County Donegal against the decision made on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2019 by Donegal County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

**Proposed Development:** Temporary use of site as a commercial car rental premises, to include full planning permission for erection of office unit (comprising of manager's office, canteen, waiting area, w.c), fascia signage and wash bay area on site at Pearse Road, Letterkenny, County Donegal.

## 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**

The site is located on lands which are zoned 'Town Centre' under the County Development Plan 2018-2024, the objective of which is to strengthen the core of Letterkenny as a centre of commercial, retail, cultural and community life and in relation to which objective there is a requirement to comply with the Town Centre Strategy which promotes intensification of uses, quality architectural design and enhancement of streetscape within the Urban Design Framework. It is considered that the nature of the proposed development would significantly detract from and hinder the achievement of a consolidated, vibrant and attractive town centre including by reason of the specific use proposed and the poor layout and design. The proposed development would constitute a substandard development in this town centre location, would be contrary to the provisions of the development plan and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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

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Dated this

2019.