



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Wicklow County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 19/389

APPEAL by Powertique Limited care of Manahan Planners of 38 Dawson Street, Dublin against the decision made on the 28th day of May, 2019 by Wicklow County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: Retention of 50% diminution of light output, of internally illuminated signage and at 30% diminution of light output of internally illuminated glass frame window and door surround on the front elevation at Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, County Wicklow.

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 the provisions of the Bray Municipal District Plan 2018 – 2024 and the Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022, it is considered that the illuminated signage for which retention is sought, would be unduly obtrusive and would negatively impact upon the character and visual integrity of the streetscape along Bray Main Street. It is also considered that the illumination would detract from the character and visual amenity of the adjacent former Courthouse and Memorial Fountain, which are included in the record of Protected Structures. The development for which retention is sought would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission, the Board did not agree that the internally illuminated signage would not seriously injure the visual amenities of the area.

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

Dated this day of 2019.