



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Dublin City Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 3290/19

Appeal by An Taisce, The National Trust for Ireland of Tailors' Hall, Back Lane, Dublin against the decision made on the 12th day of August, 2019 by Dublin City Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to An Post care of Doyle Kent Limited of 71 Carysfort Avenue, Blackrock, County Dublin in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

Proposed Development: Erection of two external banners for a temporary period of three years at the main entrance portico of the G.P.O. on O'Connell Street and the replacement of an existing wall mounted brass plaque (675 millimetres x 240 millimetres) with a new plaque of the same dimensions at the north door entrance on the O'Connell Street façade. The banners and plaque are to identify the GPO Witness History Visitor Centre located in the public exhibition area granted permission per Dublin City Council Register Reference Number 3677/13. The banners will be suspended between two pairs of columns at the portico, facing toward O'Connell Street. The banners will measure 6.500 metres high and 2.500 metres wide, be suspended approximately 4.750 metres clear above ground level, be composed of semi-transparent mesh fabric and supported off stainless steel non-invasive fixings on the stone columns at top and bottom at G.P.O., Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin (a Protected Structure).

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 limited nature and scale of the proposed development, and in particular the site specific nature and purpose of the proposed banners to advertise the Witness History Visitor Centre which highlights the cultural, historical and social special interest of the GPO building, and to the policies of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 to promote tourism within the city, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not detract significantly from the character and setting of the landmark Protected Structure or the O'Connell Street Architectural Conservation Area and would not seriously injure the visual amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity. 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, 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 permission for the banner signs shall be for a period of three years from the date of this Order at which date the permission shall cease and the banner signs shall be removed, and the building returned to its former state unless a further permission has been granted before the expiry of that date.

Reason: To allow for a review of the development having regard to the circumstances then pertaining and in the interest of visual amenity.

3. (a) A conservation expert shall be employed to manage, monitor and implement the works on the site and to ensure adequate protection of the retained and historic fabric during the works. In this regard, all permitted works shall be designed to cause minimum interference to the retained building and façade structure and fabric.

- (b) All works to the protected structure will be carried out in accordance with best conservation practice as detailed in the application and the Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht in 2011.

Reason: To ensure that the integrity of the protected structure is maintained and protected from unnecessary damage or loss of fabric.

4. Details concerning the installation, fixing method and fixing materials of the proposed banners and plaque sign shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: To ensure an appropriate standard of conservation.

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

Dated this day of 2019