

# Board Order ABP-307039-20

## Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019

## Planning Authority: Galway City Council

(Associated application reference number: ABP-301693-18)

**REQUEST** received by An Bord Pleanála on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 2020 from NTM ROI Seed Capital LP care of MKO, Tuam Road, Galway, under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of a permitted Strategic Housing Development of student accommodation comprising 394 number bed spaces in 63 number apartments at the site of the previous Westwood Hotel, Dangan, Upper Newcastle, Galway, the subject of a permission under An Bord Pleanála reference number ABP-301693-18.

**WHEREAS** the Board made a decision to grant permission for the above-mentioned development by order dated the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018, subject to 14 conditions,

**AND WHEREAS** the Board has received a request to alter the terms of the development, the subject of the permission,

**AND WHEREAS** the proposed alterations, as detailed in the documents submitted with the request, are described as follows:

Temporary alteration of condition number 2 to permit partial occupation of the permitted student accommodation for tourist and visitor use in the academic year

from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021. After 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021, the original condition number 2 will be applicable,

**AND WHEREAS** the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, not to invite submissions or observations from the public in relation to whether the proposed alterations would constitute the making of a material alteration to the terms of the development concerned,

**AND WHEREAS** the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that the proposed alterations would not result in a material alteration to the terms of the development, the subject of the permission,

**AND WHEREAS** having considered all of the documents on file and the Inspector's report, the Board considered that the making of the proposed alterations would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment or on any European site,

**NOW THEREFORE** in accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Board hereby alters the above-mentioned decision so that the permitted development shall be altered, in accordance with the plans and particulars received by the Board on the 31st day of March 2020.

#### 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.

#### **REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS**

Having regard to:

- the nature and scale of the Strategic Housing Development permitted under An Bord Pleanála Reference Number ABP-301693-18 for this site in respect of student accommodation comprising 394 number bed spaces in 63 number apartments together with supporting student amenity spaces and a café/restaurant,
- (ii) the screening for appropriate assessment carried out in the course of that application,
- (iii) the limited nature and scale of the alteration,
- (iv) the absence of any significant new or additional environmental concerns (including those in relation to European sites) arising as a result of the proposed alteration,
- (v) the absence of any new or significant issues relating to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area arising from the proposed alteration, and
- (vi) the report of the Board's Inspector,

it is considered that the proposed alterations would not be material. In accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, as amended, the Board hereby makes the said alterations.

Paul Hyde Member of An Bord Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Board.

Dated this day of

2020