



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Longford County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 20/98

Appeal by Michael Connaughton care of Tracy Connaughton of 10 Knock, Lanesboro, County Longford against the decision made on the 8th day of July, 2020 by Longford County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Mac-Cas Limited care of J.A. Gorman Consulting Engineers Limited of Unit 1, Block B, Forest Park, Mullingar, County Westmeath in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Retention of an existing grain silo at Knock, Lanesboro, County Longford.

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 land use zoning designation for the site, the established agri-business and petrol filling station use on the site and the nature and extent of the grain silo, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the development seeking retention permission would not seriously injure the amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity and would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience. The development to be retained would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. The development shall be retained 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 and the development shall be retained in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. (a) This permission relates only to the retention of the grain silo, to be used for the storage of grains.

(b) Storage of grain shall be confined within the grain silo. There shall be no open storage of grain on the site.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

3. The grain silo shall be operated in such a manner to ensure that the surrounding ground is kept clean and clear of grain and other materials and, if the need arises, for cleaning works to be carried out on the site.

Reason: To ensure that the surrounding yard is kept in a clean condition and in the interest of public health.

4. Water supply and drainage arrangements, including the disposal of surface water, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services.

Reason: In the interest of public health and to ensure a proper standard of development.

5. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the planning authority, the grain silo shall not be used or operated outside 0800 hours and 2000 hours, Monday to Saturday (excluding bank holidays).

Reason: In the interest of the residential amenity of the area.

Dave Walsh

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

Dated this day of 2020.