

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Meath County Council

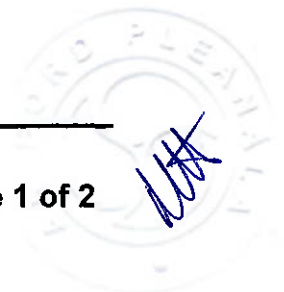
Planning Register Reference Number: 21/958

APPEAL by Brian Arkins care of RPS Group Limited of West Pier Business Campus, Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin against the decision made on the 19th day of January, 2022 by Meath County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: Construction of a part two-storey/part single storey 1,445 square metre horticultural centre with ancillary office/staff facilities; single storey 322 square metre farm machinery storage shed; to be accessed via new vehicular site entrance and access track (per previously approved Fingal County Council planning register reference number FW21A/0010); associated car parking, site development and landscape works at site off the R149 known as Hilltop Farm, Hilltown, Clonee, County Meath as revised by the further public notices received by the planning authority on the 15th day of December, 2021.

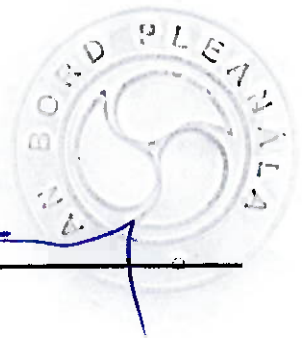

Decision

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the reasons and considerations set out below.



Reasons and Considerations

The proposed development, which comprises a commercial showroom use with an ancillary horticultural use, is not permissible or open for consideration on RA zoned lands and would comprise an inappropriate use in a rural area. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the RA zoning objective for the site, which seeks “to protect and promote in a balanced way, the development of agriculture, forestry and rural-related enterprise, biodiversity, the rural landscape, and the built and cultural heritage” and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



Martina Hennessy

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board

Dated this  day of  2023