

## Board Order ABP-312952-22

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Galway City Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 21/297

**Appeal** by Taylor's Hill Court Owners' Group care of Pat Daly and Sean Ward, 8 Taylor's Hill Court, Rosary Lane, Galway against the decision made on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022 by Galway City Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to the Board of Management Dominican College care of John Mooney and Company Limited of Lough Corrib House, 5 Waterside, Galway in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Permission to vary a condition of planning permission register reference number 11/277, granted on the 24/4/2012. Planning permission register reference number 11/277 granted permission for a change of the existing hockey pitch at an Astro Turf all-weather surface. Condition 3 confined the use of the hockey pitch to use of the pitch to only the school for its own activities and shall not be rented out, or leased, on a commercial basis. The school now wishes to be allowed to use the hockey pitch by parties other than the school at Dominican College, Taylor's Hill, Galway, as revised by the further public notices received by the planning authority on the 21st day of January, 2022.

## 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.

## **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to the Galway City Development Plan 2023-2029, according to which the grounds in which the hockey pitch is located are subject to the zoning objective CF - 'To provide for and facilitate the sustainable development of community, cultural and institutional uses and development of infrastructure for the benefit of the citizens of the city', and Policy 7.6 (Education) paragraph 7 which seeks to 'Encourage the multi-use of school facilities for other community uses outside of school hours to maximise community benefit and use of resources', to the extent and nature of the use proposed, which would involve low numbers of participants, supporters and spectators, resulting in low levels of associated trip generation and parking demand, and to the large quantum of parking facilities available within the college grounds, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the residential amenities of properties in the surrounding area, would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience, and would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



## Conditions

The proposed development shall be carried out in accordance with condition numbers 1, 2, 4 and 5 of the permission granted under planning register reference number 11/277, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following condition. Where the following condition requires 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 proposed development shall be carried out in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

 The proposed use shall cease no later than three years from the date of this Order unless a prior grant of permission for continuation of use has been obtained.

**Reason:** To allow for further planning review in the interest of the amenities of the area and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Eamonn James Kelly

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Member of An Bord Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board.

Dated this 14th day of June 2023.

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