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Board Order
ABP-314339-22

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Galway City Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 22/138

Appeal by DRA Community Development Company Limited care of MKO of Tuam Road, Galway against the decision made on the 14th day of July, 2022 by Galway City Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Retention as relevant planning permission has lapsed (planning reference number 10/105 and planning reference number 11/171) for five number single storey pre-fabricated classrooms, hard landscaped courtyard area, bicycle shelter (area 576.50 square metres) along with all associated site works and services at the former Merlin Woods Primary temporary Primary School, Doughiska, Galway, now home to the DRA Preschool and Afterschool, all at Doughiska, Galway.

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.

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Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the Galway City Development Plan 2023-2029 and to the planning history of the site, it is considered that, subject to the temporary retention of the pre-fabricated classrooms for use as a preschool and afterschool childcare facility only, the development proposed for retention would be compatible with the zoning objective for the site and would not materially contravene this objective. The development proposed for retention would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

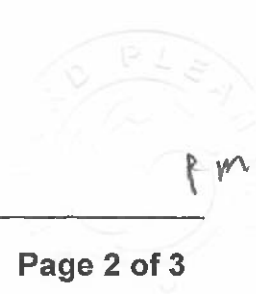
Conditions

1. The development shall be retained in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, as amended by the further plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 10th day of August, 2022, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. The prefabricated classrooms shall only be used as a preschool and afterschool childcare facility.

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3. The use of the prefabricated classrooms as a preschool and afterschool childcare facility shall cease, the prefabricated classrooms shall be removed and the site cleared on or before the expiration of a period of five years from the date of this Order.

Reason: The existing use is not acceptable in principle as a standalone use in this area and its retention for an indefinite period would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



Peter Mullan

Member of An Bord Pleanála

**duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.**

Dated this *20th* day of *June* 2023.