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## Board Order ABP-317786-23

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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority: Clare County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 23/60016**

**Appeal** by Míceal and Brigid Neylon care of Leahy Planning Limited of Mill Road House, Mill Road, Ennis, County Clare against the decision made on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023 by Clare County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Ennis Vehicle Centre Limited care of P. Coleman and Associates of 5 Bank Place, Ennis, County Clare.

**Proposed Development:** Modify and construct extension to existing vehicle testing centre and install new sewerage treatment system/percolation area on enlarged site, all at Lismulbreeda, Darragh, Ennis, County Clare.

### **Decision**

**REFUSE** permission for the above proposed development for the reasons and considerations set out below.

## Reasons and Considerations

It is the policy of the planning authority, as set out in the Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029, to permit development proposals for employment and enterprise development in the open countryside, only where there are strong location factors (section 6.15) and proposals for other small-scale enterprises in rural areas will be considered on their individual merits, including, among other factors, the nature of the activity and evidence that its scale is appropriate to a rural area (section 6.21). These policies are considered to be reasonable. It is considered that, having regard to the intensification of use to accommodate the LCV testing evidenced in the traffic movements submitted with the documentation on file, the extension to the vehicle test centre, taken together with the size and nature of the existing facility, would be at a scale not considered appropriate to a rural area. The proposed development would be contrary to objective CDP 14.3 of the development plan which seeks to permit development in the Western Corridor Working Landscape that will sustain economic activity and enhance social wellbeing and quality of life. The proposed development would, therefore, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.