

An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order ABP-317830-23

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Meath County Council

Application by Derek McCabe of The Corner Shop, The Square, Oldcastle, County Meath, requesting An Bord Pleanála to exercise its powers under article 250(3)(b) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, whether Meath County Council should be directed to prepare a Natura Impact Statement in respect of the proposed development of the Oldcastle Public Realm (Part 8 planning reference: P8/23004), at Oldcastle Town Centre, Oldcastle, County Meath.

Decision

Not to Direct the local authority to prepare a Natura Impact Statement in respect of the proposed development, based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

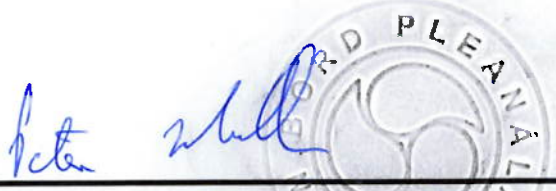
Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

- (a) the nature and scale of the proposed development,

- (b) the location of the proposed development and the separation distances from European Sites, namely, Lough Sheelin Special Protection Area (Site Code: 004065), Moneybeg and Clareisland Bogs Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 002340), White Lough, Ben Loughs and Lough Doo Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 001810), Lough Bane and Lough Glass Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 002120), River Boyne and River Blackwater Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 002299), and River Boyne and River Blackwater Special Protection Area (Site Code: 004232),
- (c) the lack of meaningful hydrological connections between the site and the European Sites,
- (d) the submissions made by the local authority, including the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report prepared on behalf of the local authority,
- (e) the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027,
- (f) the submission made by the applicant requesting a determination, and
- (g) the report and recommendation of the person appointed by the Board to make a report and recommendation on the matter,

it is considered reasonable to conclude that on the basis of the information available, which is considered adequate to issue a screening determination, that the proposed development, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on the identified European Sites, in view of the conservation objectives of these Sites and that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment and the submission of a Natura Impact Statement for the proposed development is not required.



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

Dated this *6th* day of *August*, 2024