

Board Order ABP-317843-23

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Mayo County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: P22/882

Appeal by Transport Instructure Ireland of Parkgate Business Centre, Parkgate Street, Dublin against the decision made on the 26th day of July, 2023 by Mayo County Council to grant, subject to conditions, a permission to SLM Silva GP Limited care of Cunningham Design and Planning Limited of Block C, N4 Axis Centre, Longford, County Longford for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Construction of one number bell mount entrance with access road so as to facilitate access into existing forestry plantation for the removal of timber and all ancillary works at Corraun, Ballyhaunis, County Mayo as revised by the further public notices received by the planning authority on the 3rd day of July, 2022.

Decision

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

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Reasons and Considerations

The applicant has not demonstrated that 'exceptional circumstances' in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.6 of the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Guidelines; Spatial Planning and National Roads (January 2012) apply in this case which is also contrary to National Road Objective MTO 22 of the Mayo County Development Plan 2022-2028. In addition, the proposal would involve the creation of an additional direct access point to a national road to which a speed limit greater than 60km/h applies and, therefore, would also be contrary to National Road Policy MTP 24 of the Mayo County Development Plan 2022-2028. The proposed development would, therefore, adversely impact on the capacity and efficiency of the adjoining national road, would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard and obstruction of road users and, therefore, would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Joe Boland

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

Dated this g^{TH} day of May