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Board Order  
ABP-318396-23

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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority: Limerick City and County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 2360609**

**Appeal** by Mike Fenton care of DK Architects of 13 Belfield Park, Ennis Road, Limerick against the decision made on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023 by Limerick City and County Council to grant, subject to conditions, a permission to Analog Devices International Unlimited Company care of Mel McGerr of 6 Centre Court, Blyry Business and Commercial Park, Athlone, County Westmeath in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

**Proposed Development:** 10-year planning permission for development for the regeneration of a building and site. The development involves:

- (i) partial demolition of sections of the existing industrial building, intended as enabling works;
- (ii) the change of use of the remaining, existing building from industrial (factory) and ancillary office use to office use;
- (iii) provision of new mezzanine level within the existing building;
- (iv) façade improvements;
- (v) the construction of a new two / three storey extension to the rear and side of the building comprising (a) offices, (b) high tech laboratory /

research space, (c) meeting rooms, (d) reception area, (e) canteen, (f) employees gym area, (g) social spaces, (h) external terrace and (i) associated roof plant;

- (vi) closure of the northern part of the Ballynoe Road adjoining the western site boundary, with provision for a new access road on the southern site boundary, which will connect with the remaining Ballynoe Road at the south western corner of the site;
- (vii) provision of significant public realm absorbing the closed part of the Ballynoe Road and the creation of a new pedestrian plaza with bicycle parking; and
- (viii) all ancillary site development works including (a) building and free standing signage; (b) provision of a delivery bay on the Derrybeg Road; (c) bin stores; (d) plant rooms; and (e) PV panels.

The site is surrounded by three roads: Ballynoe Road/Derrybeg Road/ Ballycummin Avenue, adjoining the existing Analog Devices Campus at Raheen Business Park, Raheen, Limerick.

## **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 planning history and the zoning objective of the subject site, its location within the existing Raheen Business Park and the nature and scale of the proposed development it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would be acceptable in terms of public health and traffic, would not exacerbate any potential risk of flooding, would not cause a deterioration of water quality in water bodies adjacent to the site and would not seriously injure the amenities of the area. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

### **Appropriate Assessment (Stage 1)**

The Board considered the Natura Impact Statement submitted with the application, and all the other relevant submissions on file, and carried out an Appropriate Assessment screening exercise in relation to the potential effects of the proposed development on European sites. The Board agreed with the screening assessment and conclusion carried out in the Inspector's Report that the Lower River Shannon Special Area of Conservation (Site Code 002165) and the River Shannon and Fergus Estuaries Special Protection Area (Site Code 004077) were the only European Sites in respect of which the proposed development has the potential to have a significant effect, in view of the Conservation Objectives for the sites, and that Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is, therefore, required.

### **Appropriate Assessment: Stage 2:**

The Board considered the Natura Impact Statement, and all the other relevant submissions on file, and carried out an Appropriate Assessment of the implications of the proposed development on the Lower River Shannon Special Area of Conservation (Site Code 002165) and the River Shannon and

Fergus Estuaries Special Protection Area (Site Code 004077) in view of these sites Conservation Objectives. The Board considered that the information before it was sufficient to undertake a complete assessment of all aspects of the proposed development in relation to the site's Conservation Objectives using the best scientific knowledge in the field. In completing the assessment, the Board considered, in particular, the following:

- (i) the site-specific Conservation Objectives for the European Sites,
- (ii) the likely direct and indirect impacts arising from the proposed development, both individually or in combination with other plans or projects,
- (iii) mitigation measures which are included as part of the current proposal, and
- (iv) the views of the prescribed bodies and report and recommendation of the Planning Inspector.

In completing the Appropriate Assessment, the Board accepted and adopted the Appropriate Assessment carried out in the Inspector's Report in respect of the potential effects of the proposed development on the aforementioned European Sites. In overall conclusion, the Board was satisfied that the proposed development would not adversely affect the integrity of these European Sites or any other European site in view of the sites' Conservation Objectives and that there is no reasonable scientific doubt as to the absence of such effects.

## Conditions

1. The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023 except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions. Where such conditions require 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 development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

**Reason:** In the interest of clarity.

2. The mitigation measures contained in the submitted Natura Impact Statement (NIS), shall be implemented.

**Reason:** To protect the integrity of European Sites.

3. Prior to the commencement of any development on the site, the developer shall submit to the planning authority, for the record, full details of the surface water disposal system plan, and all revised details as required. The plan shall include details of the full survey of the existing storm water network, including the CCTV survey, from within the footprint of the subject site.

**Reason:** In the interest of public health and surface water management.

4. Drainage arrangements including the attenuation and disposal of surface water, shall comply with the requirements of the relevant Section of the Council for such works and services. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall submit to the planning authority for written agreement a Stage 2 - Detailed Design Stage Storm Water Audit. Upon completion of the development a Stage 3 Completion Stormwater Audit to demonstrate Sustainable Urban Drainage System measures have been installed and are working as designed and that there has been no misconnections or damage to storm water drainage infrastructure during construction, shall be submitted to the planning authority for written agreement.

**Reason:** In the interest of public health and surface water management.

5. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed buildings shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

**Reason:** In the interest of visual amenity and to ensure an appropriate high standard of development.

6. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall enter into a connection agreement with Uisce Éireann to provide for a service connection to the public water supply and/or wastewater collection network.

**Reason:** In the interest of public health and to ensure adequate water/wastewater facilities.

7. A plan containing details for the management of waste (and, in particular, recyclable materials) within the development, including the provision of facilities for the storage, separation and collection of the waste and, in particular, recyclable materials shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Thereafter, the agreed waste facilities shall be maintained, and waste shall be managed in accordance with the agreed plan.

**Reason:** To provide for the appropriate management of waste and, in particular recyclable materials, in the interest of protecting the environment and the amenities of properties.

8. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0700 to 2000 Mondays to Friday inclusive, between 0800 to 1400 hours on Saturdays and not at all on Sundays and public holidays. Deviation from these times will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances where prior written approval has been received from the planning authority.

**Reason:** In order to safeguard the residential amenities of property in the vicinity.

9. A Construction and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to the commencement of development. The CEMP shall include but not be limited to construction phase controls for dust, noise and vibration, waste management, protection of soils, groundwaters, and surface waters, site housekeeping, emergency response planning, site environmental policy, and project roles and responsibilities.

**Reason:** In the interest of environmental protection.

10. The development shall be carried out and operated in accordance with the provisions and measures of the Workplace Travel Plan submitted to the planning authority on 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023. The developer shall undertake a monitoring exercise to the satisfaction of the planning authority for the first, third and fifth anniversary following first occupation and shall submit the results to the planning authority for consideration and placement on the public file.

**Reason:** To achieve a reasonable modal split in transport and travel patterns in the interest of sustainable development.

11. Comprehensive details of the proposed public lighting system to serve the development shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority, prior to commencement of development. The agreed lighting system shall be fully implemented and operational, before the proposed development is occupied.

**Reason:** In the interest of public safety and visual amenity.



12. The developer shall pay to the planning authority a financial contribution in respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefiting development in the area of the planning authority that is provided or intended to be provided by or on behalf of the authority in accordance with the terms of the Development Contribution Scheme made under section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The contribution shall be paid prior to commencement of development or in such phased payments as the planning authority may facilitate and shall be subject to any applicable indexation provisions of the Scheme at the time of payment. Details of the application of the terms of the Scheme shall be agreed between the planning authority and the developer or, in default of such agreement, the matter shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála to determine the proper application of the terms of the Scheme.

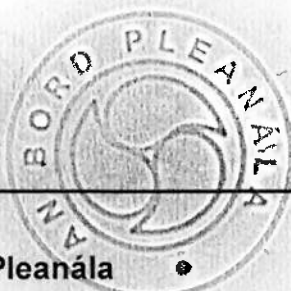
**Reason:** It is a requirement of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that a condition requiring a contribution in accordance with the Development Contribution Scheme made under section 48 of the Act be applied to the permission.



Mick Long

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate  
the seal of the Board.



Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.