

Board Order ABP-318516-23

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Louth County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 23/60352

Appeal by Tommy and Teresa Farrell of Radharc an locha, Mullatee, Carlingford, County Louth against the decision made on the 6th day of November, 2023 by Louth County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Carlingford Oyster Company Limited care of Stephen Ward Town Planning and Development Consultants Limited of Jocelyn House, Jocelyn Street, Dundalk, County Louth.

Proposed Development: Retention and completion of a partially constructed single storey extension (permitted under planning register reference number 17/282) to the existing production building. The existing production building was permitted under planning register reference number 93/84 and has operated from the site for nearly 30 years. Permission is also sought to retain and complete circa 25 square metres of additional production floor space to the south-west of the partially constructed extension. The retention and completion of the extension and additional floor area will facilitate the internalisation of part of the production process, all at Mullatee, Greenore Road (R176), Carlingford, County Louth.

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Decision

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

Reasons and Considerations

On the basis of the information provided with the planning application and the appeal, and given the nature and siting of the works proposed to be retained along the shoreline and with a direct hydrological connection to Carlingford Lough, the Board is not satisfied that the proposed development, by itself or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on the designated Carlingford Lough Special Protection Area (Site Code: 004078) and the Carlingford Shore Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 002306) in view of the sites' Conservation Objectives. Furthermore, the works proposed to be retained in this instance would be contrary to policy objectives NBG 3 and NBG 5 of the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027 and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. In such circumstances, the Board is precluded from giving further consideration to a grant of planning permission.

Patricia Calleary

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

Dated this 03 day of September 2024.