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Board Order
ABP-318626-23

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Mayo County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 2360381

Appeal by Bank of Ireland care of Ger Fahy Planning and Development Consultant of Mulhussey, Maynooth, County Kildare against the decision made on the 9th day of November, 2023 by Mayo County Council to refuse a permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Proposed works to front façade (south-east elevation), comprising of: (1) Installation of one number new Automated Teller Machine, along with alterations to existing window ope; (2) removal of section of existing stonework plinth; and (3) minor internal alterations, together with all associated site works at Bank of Ireland, Ellison Street, Castlebar, County Mayo.

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.

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Reasons and Considerations

It is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would be in accordance with Policy BEP 5, relating to best conservation practice, and Objective BEO 10, relating to Vernacular Architecture, of the Mayo County Development Plan 2022-2028 and the Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines issued to Planning Authorities (2011), would not seriously injure the amenities of the area or impact negatively upon the character of a Protected Structure and would not adversely impact the built heritage of the area. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, as amended by the plans and particulars received by the Board on the 5th day of December 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. (a) A conservation expert shall be employed to manage, monitor and implement the works on the site and to ensure adequate protection of the retained and historic fabric during the works. In this regard, all permitted works shall be designed to cause minimum interference to the retained building and facades structure and/or fabric.
- (b) All repair works to the Protected Structure shall be carried out in accordance with best conservation practice as detailed in the application and the Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (2011). The repair works shall retain the maximum amount of surviving historic fabric in situ, including structural elements, plasterwork (plain and decorative) and joinery, and shall be designed to cause minimum interference to the building structure and/or fabric. Items that have to be removed for repair shall be recorded prior to removal, catalogued and numbered to allow for authentic re-instatement.
- (c) All existing original features, including interior and exterior fittings/features, joinery, plasterwork, features (including cornices and ceiling mouldings) staircases including balusters, handrail and skirting boards, shall be protected during the course of refurbishment.

Reason: To ensure that the integrity of the retained structures is maintained and that the structures are protected from unnecessary damage or loss of fabric.

3. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0700 to 1900 Mondays to Fridays 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.

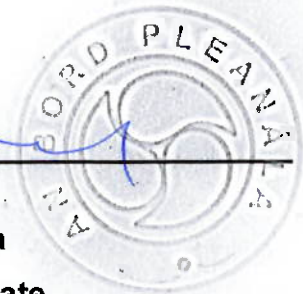
Reason: In order to safeguard the amenities of property in the vicinity.



Martina Hennessy

Member of An Bord Pleanála

**duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.**



Dated this 10 day of July 2024.