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Pleanála

Board Order  
ABP-319099-24

## Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Westmeath County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 23/60158

**Appeal** by Wild Ireland Defence CLG care of Peter Sweetman and Associates of PO Box 13611, Bantry, County Cork against the decision made on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2024 by Westmeath County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Midland Premier Farms Limited care of Daniel McKeogh of Unit 6, Farbill House, Kinnegad, County Westmeath in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

**Proposed Development:** (1) Construction of a six bay cubicle shed with underground storage tank; (2) remove existing above ground soiled water storage tank and replace with a new above ground soiled water tank in same location and (3) all ancillary site services at Abbeyland, Multyfarnham, County Westmeath.

## 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.

*Dr.*

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Dated 12/03/2025

Signed: Secretary *Ellen Wynn*

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## Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the location of the proposed development in a rural area where agriculture is the predominant land use, the submitted Natura Impact Study and Appropriate Assessment conducted by the Board's Inspector, it is considered that the proposed development, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, would improve the existing farmyard facilities, would not impact on the amenities of the area, would not adversely affect Natura 2000 sites or be a threat to ground or surface water and would not impact on the natural heritage of the area. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and 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 further plans and particulars received by the planning authority on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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. The mitigation proposed in the submitted Natura Impact Statement in relation to the construction and operation of the proposed building and structures shall be implemented in full.

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3. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer or any agent acting on its behalf, shall prepare a Resource Waste Management Plan (RWMP) as set out in the EPA's Best Practice Guidelines for the Preparation of Resource and Waste Management Plans for Construction and Demolition Projects (2021) including demonstration of proposals to adhere to best practice and protocols. The RWMP shall include specific proposals as to how the RWMP will be measured and monitored for effectiveness, these details shall be placed on the file and retained as part of the public record. The RWMP must be submitted to the planning authority for written agreement prior to the commencement of development. All records (including for waste and all resources) pursuant to the agreed RWMP shall be made available for inspection at the site office at all times.

**Reason:** In the interests of proper planning and sustainable development.

4. All uncontaminated surface water run-off from the proposed development shall be collected separately from soiled water and shall be disposed of to the satisfaction of the planning authority.

**Reason:** To minimise soiled water in the interest of environmental protection and pollution control.

5. All storage facilities for farmyard effluent shall:

- (a) be so constructed, maintained, and managed as to prevent run-off or seepage, directly or indirectly, into groundwater or surface water of any effluent produced, and

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- (b) designed and constructed in accordance with the Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine specifications as per the European Communities (Good Agricultural Practice for Protection of Waters) Regulations, 2022 (S.I 113 of 2022).

**Reason:** In the interest of environmental protection, pollution control and in the interests of public health and residential amenity.

6. The use of the proposed building shall be for agricultural purposes only.

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

7. The cladding to the roof and walls of the proposed building shall be green/dark green in colour.

**Reason:** In the interest of visual amenity.

8. The spreading of slurry or manure from this facility shall comply with the requirements of the European Union (Good Agricultural Practices for the Protection of Waters) Regulations 2022, or as otherwise updated.

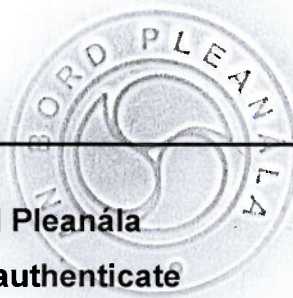
**Reason:** To ensure the satisfactory disposal of waste material, in the interest of amenity, public health and to prevent pollution of waters



Declan Moore

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate  
the seal of the Board.



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Board Order has been made**

**Dated** 18/08/2025

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.

**Signed: Secretary** 