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Board Order ABP-320221-24

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Laois County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 23/60451

Appeal by Transport Infrastructure Ireland of Parkgate Business Centre, Parkgate Street, Dublin against the decision made on the 24th day of June, 2024 by Laois County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Joe and Will Carmody care of Ruairi Whelan Consulting Engineers of Canal Road, Portarlinton, County Laois in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Retention of the installation of security gates at two existing entrances and all associated site works at Clonreher, Portlaoise, County Laois.

Decision

GRANT permission for the above 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 Laois County Development Plan 2021-2027, to its transportation objectives, including TRANS 1, 6 and 7, and the locations of the development proposed to be retained, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed retention of security gates at two existing entrances and all ancillary site works would not result in an intensification of use at existing entrances and would maintain, improve and protect the safety, capacity and efficiency of Laois's roads network. The development proposed to be retained would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to refuse permission for the proposed retention of development, the Board noted that the planning application was confined to the retention of security gates at existing entrances. Having regard to the totality of information on file, the Board noted that site notices were displayed in the two relevant locations and that the planning authority, in considering that the information submitted with the planning application was not substantially incorrect or that substantial information had been omitted, did not invalidate the planning application. The Board, therefore, did not consider itself precluded from considering the appeal.

CONDITIONS

1. The development shall be retained 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 4th day of June, 2024, 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 and the development shall be retained and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. The disposal of surface water shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services. The developer shall submit details for the disposal of surface water from the site for the written agreement of the planning authority.

Reason: To prevent flooding and in the interest of sustainable drainage.

3. Any external lighting shall be cowled and directed away from the public roadway.

Reason: In the interest of traffic amenity.

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duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board.

Dated this *20th* day of *December*, 2024.

