

## Board Order ABP-320248-24

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

**Planning Authority: Galway County Council** 

Planning Register Reference Number: 23/60948

**Appeal** by Brendan Dowling of Cashla, Athenry, County Galway against the decision made on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024 by Galway County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to C&F Tooling Limited care of MKO of Tuam Road, Galway in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Retention of the following extensions to the existing premises: machine shop and canteen (gross floor area of 792 square metres), switch room and compressor room (gross floor area of 96 square metres), maintenance garage and stores (gross floor area of 673 square metres), monitoring office building (gross floor area of 444 square metres), steel cleaning shop (gross floor area of 62.3 square metres), store (gross floor area of 20.3 square metres), machine shop (gross floor area of 4,065 square metres). In addition to the above, retention of the existing component storage area (external) (approximately 1.54 hectares in area). Planning permission for: upgraded surface water drainage system and associated works, relocation of existing traffic barrier at the existing vehicular entrance to the premises, new vehicular staff entrance on the western boundary of the site, and alterations to

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the existing staff car park to provide 357 number car parking spaces, to include the provision of EV charging and accessible car parking bays, provision of visitor car park to provide 31 number car parking spaces (including EV charging and accessible car parking bays). The proposed development includes for all associated site development works and landscaping, all at Cashla, Athenry, County Galway.

## 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**

It is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the development proposed to be retained and the proposed development would be in accordance with DM Standard 28 of the Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 in relation to sightlines and stopping distance, and DM Standard 33 in relation to Traffic and Transport Assessment, would not have a detrimental impact on local traffic conditions, traffic safety or pedestrian safety and convenience, and would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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## **Conditions**

The development shall be retained, carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, 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 retained, carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. The proposed development shall comply with the recommendations, summary and conclusions as set in the Road Safety Audit and the plans and particulars submitted with the planning application.

Reason: In the Interest of road safety.

3. On completion of the proposed development, a Stage 3 road safety audit shall be completed by an independent road safety auditor, at the developer's expense, and shall be submitted to the planning authority for written agreement. Any safety issues highlighted in the audit shall be reviewed and addressed by the developer at its own expense.

Reason: In the interest of road safety.

- 4. (a) Sight distance triangles shall be maintained and kept free from boundary walling, vegetation or other obstructions that would reduce the minimum visibility required.
  - (ii) Any overhead lines and poles shall be set back in line with new proposed roadside boundary treatments at the developer's own expense before work commences on the development. No pole(s) shall be left in the sightline visibility triangles and/or left isolated from the proposed development boundary treatments or whereby they obstruct the view of the road of existing road users and/or persons accessing/exiting the site.

Reason: In the interest of road safety.

5. Within three months of the date of this Order, the developer shall submit a detailed landscaping plan and associated site layout plan which shall provide for significant screening of the development from the roadside boundaries, which shall include native species and a timeline for the implementation of same, for the written agreement of the planning authority.

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

6. No advertisement or advertisement structure, the exhibition or erection of which would otherwise constitute exempted development under the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, shall be displayed or erected on the buildings or within the curtilage of the site without the prior agreement of the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

7. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall lodge with the planning authority a cash deposit, a bond of an insurance company, or such other security as may be acceptable to the planning authority, to secure the satisfactory reinstatement of the site upon cessation of the project coupled with an agreement empowering the planning authority to apply such security or part thereof to such reinstatement. The form and amount of the security shall be as agreed between the planning authority and the developer or, in default of agreement, shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

**Reason:** To ensure the satisfactory reinstatement of the site.

8. 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.

**Patricia Calleary** 

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board

Dated this Of day of March

2025.