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Board Order
ABP-320613-24

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Galway County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 2460740

Appeal by Michael and Bernadette Murray of 2 Palmerstown Grove, Portumna, County Galway and by Thomas Madden of 1 Palmerston Grove, Bridge Road, Portumna, Galway against the decision made on the 30th day of July 2024, by Galway County Council to grant, subject to conditions, a permission to Lissan Coal Company (Ireland) Limited care of Hughes Planning and Development Consultants of 85 Merrion Square, Dublin in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Retention of alterations to existing petrol station, including removal of stone wall and provision of bollards along Bridge Road, revisions to the height and design of the forecourt canopy inclusive of illuminated signage, additional signage inclusive of directional signage at entrance and exit of the site, the eastern and southern elevations of the former retail unit and interior of boundary fencing, replacement of one number totem sign and replacement of vent pipes with one number vent pipe totem sign, brick paving at the entrance, under canopy and at northern, eastern and western boundaries, relocation of offset fill and associated structure at eastern site boundary, provision of one number drive through car wash with

associated signage and one number lance car wash with associated signage, and associated pump house located to the north-west of the site, ACO drainage channels around forecourt, along tanker stand and at the entrance and exit to the site, provision of apartment bin storage adjoining 'shop compound' comprising mini vent pipes, water tank, pumping station and oil and car wash interceptors to the north-east of the site, provision of four number car parking spaces to serve the existing apartments, provision of new timber boundary fence on the northern, eastern and western site boundaries, change of use of retail unit to storage, addition of fresh water tank, all associated works inclusive of infrastructure, lighting, surface drainage, boundary treatments, and site works, and revised operating hours to provide a 24-hour self-service petrol station, all at Go Station Portumna, Bridge Road, Fairyhill, Portumna, County Galway.

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.

Reasons and Considerations

It is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the development proposed to be retained would be in accordance with the provisions of the Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028, would not be out of character with the surrounding area, would not be visually detrimental to the area, would not impact negatively upon the current levels of residential amenity enjoyed at this location, and would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. The development shall be retained 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 and the development shall be retained and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. The lance car wash facility located adjoining the northern site boundary shall be omitted from the development.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.

3. The roller car wash shall only operate between 0700 and 1900 hours.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.

4. The noise level from the roller car wash shall not exceed 55 dB(A) rated sound level at the nearest noise-sensitive location (boundary with 1 Palmerstown Grove to the north) between the hours of 0700 and 1900 on any day. Procedures for the purpose of determining compliance with this shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority within three months of the date of this Order.

Reason: To protect the residential amenities of property in the vicinity.

5. The floodlights shall not be lit in such a manner so as to cause excessive glare or distraction to road users and/or adjoining resident properties. The floodlights shall be mounted in horizontal orientation. The developer shall comply, at their own expense, with any future requirement of the planning authority, in relation to adjusting the floodlight aiming or fitting appropriate additional louvres to deal with remaining glare issues that may arise for road users and residents, which may only become apparent when the installation is commissioned.

Reason: In the interest of the amenities of the area.

6. No signage, advertisement or advertisement structure, including that which is exempted development under the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, other than those shown on the drawings submitted with the planning application, shall be erected or displayed on the buildings or within the curtilage of the site unless authorised by a further grant of planning permission.

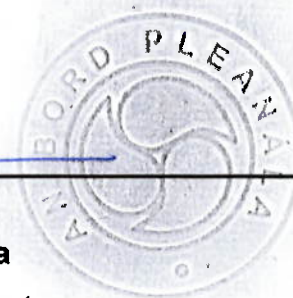
Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.



Paul Caprani

Member of An Bord Pleanála

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



Dated this 11th day of February 2025.