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Board Order ABP-320704-24

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: South Dublin County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: SD23A/0324

Application for Leave to Appeal against the decision of the planning authority by Hugh Courtney of Cu-Mor House, Cooldrinagh Lane, Leixlip, County Dublin having an interest in land adjoining the land in respect of which South Dublin County Council decided on the 6th day of August, 2024 to grant subject to conditions a permission to Weston Aviation Academy Limited care of KPMG Future Analytics of 1 Stoke's Place, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Proposed Search and Rescue (SAR) hangar consisting of a part single and part two-storey SAR helicopter hangar of 1,984.4 square metres GFA to accommodate two number helicopters, maintenance store, workshop and facilities, operations rooms and offices, staff kitchen and accommodation for on-shift personnel. The hangar facility will also facilitate maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) activities for SAR helicopters only. A single-storey structure of 48.9 square metres GFA facilitating ESB substation, switch room, and security room is also proposed. Permission is also sought for airside infrastructure comprising apron area to connect with existing apron, refuelling areas, service access area and a subdivided fenced compound to accommodate airside SAR support vehicles. The landside subdivision of the fenced compound will house a generator and water tank for firefighting purposes. Also proposed is the reconfiguration of existing emergency

airside access from the R403 Celbridge Road to facilitate a dual emergency (airside) access route, pedestrian footpath and access to the proposed development, 20 number car parking spaces, including EV charging and disabled parking provision, 17 number bicycle parking spaces, watermain and drainage works, including foul pump station and rising main, landscaping, including paving, planting, earth mounding, and SuDs, SAR facility wall-mounted signage, fencing and all associated site development works, all on a site area of 2.1112 hectares at lands forming part of Weston Airport, Celbridge Road, Backweston, Lucan, County Dublin, as revised by the further public notices received by the planning authority on the 25th day of April, 2024.

Decision

REFUSE leave to appeal under section 37 (6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

It is considered that the applicant for leave to appeal has not demonstrated that the development will differ materially from the development as set out in the application for permission by reason of the imposition of condition number 12, nor has the applicant for leave to appeal demonstrated that the imposition of condition number 12 will materially affect his enjoyment of his land or reduce the value of his land. The wording of condition number 12, the reason given for it, and the further reasoning given at page 49 of the 'Record of Executive Business and Chief Executive's Order' in relation to the condition, requires engagement, meetings, improved understandings and agreement in relation to the operation of the SAR service and knock-on implications for Casement Aerodrome. The Board is not satisfied that these requirements of condition number 12 will result in a materially different development from that for which permission was sought originally, nor that it will materially affect the applicant for leave to appeal's enjoyment of his land or reduce its value.



Tom Rabbette

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board.

Dated this 24th day of Sept 2024.