

Board Order ABP-320831-24

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Laois County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 24/60381

Appeal by Owen Donegan care of Ruairi Whelan Consulting Engineers of Canal Road, Portarlington, County Laois against the decision made on the 23rd day of August, 2024 by Laois County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: Retention of a mobile coffee and food snack container in the grounds of Portarlington GAA Club, along with connections to mains water and electricity from Portarlington GAA Club House and all associated site works, all at Portarlington GAA Club, McCann Park, Canal Road, Portarlington, County Laois.

Decision

REFUSE permission for the above development for the reasons and considerations set out below.

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Reasons and Considerations

The development proposed to be retained is located on lands zoned Open Space and Amenity in the Portarlington Joint Local Area Plan 2018-2024. Having regard to the fact that a small café or a retail use (convenience less than 100 square metres) is not permissible in the Local Area Plan zoning matrix on lands zoned Open Space and Amenity, it is considered that the development proposed to be retained would materially contravene the Portarlington Joint Local Area Plan 2018-2024, and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Paul Caprani

Member of An Bord Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Board

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Dated this 11th day of March

2025.