

Commission Order ACP-323078-25

Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: South Dublin County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: SD25A/0105W

Appeal by Paul Murphy of 37 The Close, Kingswood Heights, Tallaght, Dublin against the decision made on the 26th day of June 2025, by South Dublin County Council to grant, subject to conditions, a permission to Applus Inspection Services Limited care of Malachi Cullen Consulting Engineers Limited of 8 Centre Court, Blyry Business and Commercial Park, Athlone, County Westmeath in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Retention Permission for existing Marshals Hut, measuring 8.8 square metres, and revised operating hours: Monday 0730 to 1730, Tuesday 0730 to 2330, Wednesday 0730 to 2300, Thursday 0730 to 2300, Friday 0730 to 2100, Saturday 0800 to 1930, Sunday and Bank Holidays - closed, together with all associated works at Greenhills NCT Centre, Greenhills Road, Tallaght, Dublin.

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

Having regard to the land use zoning for the site, the pattern of development in the area, and the established use of the site for car testing operations, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the retention of the development and alterations to the site's operating hours would not seriously injure the residential amenities of property in the vicinity, would be in accordance with the provisions of the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028, and would therefore be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The Commission noted the Inspector's recommendation that the extension of opening hours should be granted for a period of five years only, however having regard to the established nature of the activity, the installation of an acoustic barrier along the northern boundary, and the condition limiting noise emissions from the facility, the Commission considered that imposing a condition to limit the duration of the permission to five years was not warranted.

Conditions

1. 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 carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. The operating hours for the test centre, and all activities occurring therein, shall be as follows:

Monday to Friday: 0730 to 2100 hours only,

Saturday: 0800 to 1930 hours only, and

Sunday and Bank Holidays: Closed

Reason: In the interest of residential amenities and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

3. The noise level shall not exceed 55 dB(A) rated sound level as measured at any point along the boundary of the site.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenities.

4. 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 within three months of the date of this Order 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 Coimisiún 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.

Mary Gurrie

Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Commission.

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Dated this Of day of November 2025.