



Planning and Development Acts 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Limerick City and County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 25/60822

Appeal by Lorraine Horan and others against the decision made on the 14th day of October, 2025 by Limerick City and County Council to grant, subject to conditions, a permission to Aisling Annacotty AFC Limited in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Retention of a members gym consisting of three adjoining containers, single container used as a merchandising shop and all associated site works, all at Rivers, Annacotty, County Limerick.

Decision

GRANT permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the said plans and particulars based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the nature and purpose of the development proposed to be retained in serving an established sports club facility, to the pattern of development in the vicinity, to the constraints of the site, and to the provisions of the Limerick Development Plan 2022 - 2028, in particular Section 10.10 (Sports and Recreation), which acknowledges the benefits of participation in sport and recreational activities, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the development proposed to be retained would not seriously injure the amenities of property in the vicinity, would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience and in providing a three year period for the developer to consider the provision of permanent facilities, would be in accordance with Objective SCS1 O20(b) (Protection of Sports Grounds/Facilities) of the Limerick Development Plan 2022 - 2028. It is considered that the development proposed to be retained would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

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

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. This permission is for a period of three years only from the date of this Order. At the end of this period the uses shall cease and the structures shall be removed from the site.

Reason: In the interest of supporting the established recreational needs of the club, a permission limited to three years is reasonable due to the impermanent nature of the structures.

3. (a) The members gym shall only be used by members of Aisling Annacotty AFC Limited. It shall not be used, sold, let or leased for commercial purposes or events and functions independent of the club.
- (b) The merchandise shop shall operate only during scheduled club matches and training sessions. The shop shall remain ancillary to the primary use of the site and shall not be open to the general public outside of these specified times.

Reason: In the interests of clarity, residential amenity and traffic safety.

4. The members gym shall only be used by club members between the hours of 0800 and 2100 from Mondays to Saturdays, and only between the hours of 1000 and 2000 on Sundays and public holidays.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.

5. Amplified music or other specific entertainment noise emissions from the gym shall not exceed the background noise level by more than 3dB(A) during the period of 0800 and 2100 hours, when measured at any external position adjoining an occupied dwelling in the vicinity. The background noise level shall be taken as L90 15 mins and the specific noise shall be measured at LAeq,T 15 mins.

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

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Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Commission.



Dated this 09th day of March 2026.