

An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Commission Order
PL-500797-KE

Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Kildare County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 25/61196

Appeal by An Taisce against the decision made on the 20th day of January, 2026 by Kildare County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Le Monde Holdings Limited in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Construction of new office, administration and conference spaces (circa 161.1 square metres) at first floor level over existing ground floor Unit 10, Unit 09 (pharmacy) and the existing main entrance to Abbeylands Shopping Centre. Associated alterations to the south-west elevation of the main shopping centre entrance are also sought along with access to the proposed new offices via a new stairs to be located within existing Unit 10. A second entrance is also proposed at the first-floor level off the existing courtyard/roof garden to also allow access to the existing hotel via the existing courtyard/roof garden along with all other associated site development works, all at Abbeylands Shopping Centre, Westgrove Hotel and Conference Centre, Abbeylands, Clane, County Kildare. This site lies within the curtilage of a protected structure.

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 town centre location of the site, the existing pattern of development in the area, and the nature and scale of the proposed development, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would be generally acceptable, would not seriously injure the residential or visual amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity, would be acceptable in terms of built heritage and traffic safety and convenience, and would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. The proposed development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, as amended by the further plans and particulars received by the planning authority on the 16th day of December, 2025, 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 proposed development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall submit for the written agreement of the planning authority drawings and details outlining the proposed extension to the existing footpath network within its landownership/boundary towards Churchfield Estate. The footpath extension shall directly tie in with the existing footpath.
Reason: In the interest of active travel and permeability.
3. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall submit for the written agreement of the planning authority a report detailing an assessment of traffic movements to and from the overall site and the potential for a left turn only onto the Clane Relief Road.
Reason: In the interest of public safety.
4. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall submit for the written agreement of the planning authority detailed design proposals for bicycle parking to serve the proposed development in accordance with Table 15.4 (Minimum Cycle Parking Standards) of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029. Bicycle parking shall be conveniently located, secure, adequately lit and sheltered.
Reason: In the interest of sustainable transport.
5. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0700 to 1900 Mondays to Fridays, inclusive, between 0800 to 1400 hours on Saturdays and not at all on Sundays or public holidays. Deviation from these times shall only be allowed in exceptional circumstances where prior written approval has been received from the planning authority.
Reason: In order to safeguard the residential amenities of property in the vicinity.

6. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, or any statutory provision amending or replacing them, no advertisement signs, including any signs installed to be visible through the windows, advertisement structures, banners, canopies, flags, or other projecting elements, shall be displayed or erected on the retail units or within the curtilage of the site, unless authorised by a further grant of planning permission.

Reason: To protect the visual amenities of the area.

7. No additional development shall take place above roof parapet level, including lift motor enclosures, air handling equipment, storage tanks, ducts or other external plant, telecommunication aerials, antennas or equipment, unless agreed in writing with the planning authority.

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

8. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall enter into a connection agreement(s) with Uisce Éireann to provide for a service connection(s) to the public water supply and/or wastewater collection network.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

9. Drainage arrangements, including the attenuation and disposal of surface water, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall submit to the planning authority for written agreement a Stage 2 - Detailed Design Stage Storm Water Audit. Upon Completion of the development, a Stage 3 Completion Stormwater Audit to demonstrate that Sustainable Urban Drainage System measures have been installed and are working, as designed, and that there have been no misconnections or damage to storm water drainage infrastructure during construction shall be submitted to the planning authority for written agreement.

Reason: In the interest of public health and surface water management.

10. Construction and demolition waste shall be managed in accordance with a construction waste and demolition management plan, which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This plan shall be prepared in accordance with the "Best Practice Guidelines on the Preparation of Waste Management Plans for Construction and Demolition Projects", published by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in July 2006.

Reason: In the interest of sustainable waste management.

11. The construction of the proposed development shall be managed in accordance with a Construction Management Plan, which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This plan shall provide details of intended construction practice for the proposed development, including noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

Reason: In the interest of public safety and residential amenity.

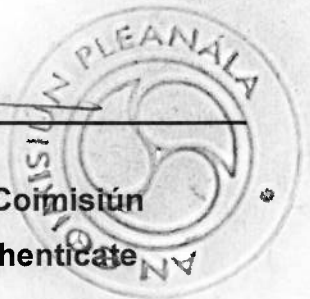
12. The developer shall pay to the planning authority a financial contribution in respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefiting development in the area of the planning authority that is provided or intended to be provided by or on behalf of the authority in accordance with the terms of the Development Contribution Scheme made under section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The contribution shall be paid prior to commencement of development 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.



Paul Caprani

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



Dated this 27th day of May 2026.