

## Board Order 61.RL.3564

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2017 Planning Authority: Galway City Council Planning Register Reference Number: P/DC/3/2/17

**WHEREAS** a question has arisen as to whether a change of use from office use (Class 2) to use as a shop at Tuam Road Retail Centre, Tuam Road, Galway is or is not development or is or is not exempted development:

**AND WHEREAS** ITC Delta Fund care of O'Neill O'Malley of Technology House, Galway Technology Park, Parkmore, Galway requested a declaration on the said question from Galway City Council and the said Council issued a declaration on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017 stating that the said matter is development and is not exempted development:

**AND WHEREAS** ITC Delta Fund referred the declaration for review to An Bord Pleanála on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2017:

**AND WHEREAS** An Bord Pleanála, in considering this referral, had regard particularly to –

- (a) section 2(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended,
- (b) section 3(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000,
- (c) section 4(4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended,
- (d) article 6(1) and article 9(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended,
- (e) Class 14(d) of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, and Part 4 of Schedule 2 to the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, and
- (f) the planning history of the site,

AND WHEREAS An Bord Pleanála has concluded that -

- (a) permission was granted under Galway City Council planning register reference number 04/926 for a change of use from existing retail warehouse/retail unit to office use,
- (b) neither the application documentation submitted in relation to planning register reference number 04/926 or the conditions attached to the grant of permission issued specify that the permitted office use is restricted to Office (Class 3) use only.

- (c) the proposed change of use would constitute development in accordance with section 3(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as the proposed change of use would be material,
- (d) the proposed change of use would come within the scope of Class 14(d) of Part 1 of the Second Schedule to the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, and would, therefore, constitute exempted development, and
- (e) the restriction of exemptions set out in Article 9(1)(a) are not applicable in this case. Specifically, the Board does not consider that the proposed development would contravene a condition attached to Galway City Council planning register reference number 04/926 or otherwise be inconsistent with any use specified in any permission granted under the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

**NOW THEREFORE** An Bord Pleanála, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 5 (3) (a) of the 2000 Act, hereby decides that the change of use from office use (Class 2) to use as a shop at Tuam Road Retail Centre, Tuam Road, Galway is development and is exempted development.

## **Matters Considered**

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard. Such matters included any submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.

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

Dated this day of 2018