

# Inspector's Report ABP-304377-19

**Development** The development will consist of the

retention of the original industrial

building and its use for light industrial

purposes.

**Location** Eurolec Instrumentation Ltd,

Technology House, Cluan Enda,

Dundalk, Co. Louth.

Planning Authority Louth County Council

Planning Authority Reg. Ref. 19/109

Applicant(s) Tom Mears

Type of Application Retention Permission

Planning Authority Decision Grant

Type of Appeal First Party against conditions

Appellant(s) Tom Mears

Observer(s) None

Site Visit 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2019

**Inspector** Angela Brereton

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# 1.0 Site Location and Description

- 1.1. The site is located in the residential area to the south of Dundalk town centre. It is accessed via a narrow laneway between nos. 47 and 49 Cluain Enda. This comprises a right of way to the rear of nos. 49 to no.59 and the lane also extends northwards in the opposite direction. The subject site is in a backland area to the rear of the large rear gardens of corner sites nos. 58 and 59 Cluain Enda and also to the rear of the properties to the south nos. 1, 2, 3 & 4 Lisnaree.
- 1.2. The premises comprise a small single storey factory building (which now appears more in office use) with a small carpark (7no. spaces) area to the eastern side. Excepting the access from the laneway, there is no other access to the site which is bounded by a c.2m block wall along the other site boundaries. On the day of the site visit, there was a considerable amount of on street parking close to the entrance to the laneway from Cluan Enda. It was noted that the carpark to the rear of the unit was lightly parked and it appeared that the onstreet parking was for local residents. These are two storey terraced houses with no onsite parking.

## 2.0 **Proposed Development**

- 2.1. This is to consist of the retention of the original industrial building and its use for light industrial purposes.
- 2.2. A Supporting Planning Statement from EHP Services is included with the application.

# 3.0 Planning Authority Decision

#### 3.1. Decision

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2019, Louth County Council granted retention permission for the proposed development subject to 3no. conditions.

- Condition no. 2 restricts the use.
- Condition no. 3 provides for Development Contributions.

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## 3.2. Planning Authority Reports

## 3.2.1. Planning Reports

The Planner's Report has regard to the locational context of the site, planning history and policy. They note no submissions were made and that no referrals were necessary. Their Assessment includes the following:

- They note that the existing development (light industrial) is identified as a use which is not acceptable within the residential zoning. However, they have regard to the long term established use.
- This proposal does not result in an adverse impact on the residential amenities of the area.
- In view of its location within the residential area they believe that it is reasonable to include a condition which limits the use of the premises to that of the use as described in the applicant Planning Submission by EHP Services.
- It is not considered that the development will have a significant effect either individually or in combination with other plans or projects on a European site.
- They consider that the parking provision is sufficient.
- They note that 'reductions do not apply to permissions for retention' in the Council's Development Contributions Scheme.
- They are satisfied that the development if retained for the use specifically
  defined in the submission by EHP Services would not materially impact on
  existing residences in this area and would not be inconsistent with the proper
  planning and sustainable development of the area.

# 4.0 **Planning History**

The Planner's Report notes the following historic permissions relevant to the site:

 Reg.Ref. 55524271 – Permission granted (1955) to Dean Shoes for extension to the factory premises.

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Reg.Ref. 99520342- Permissions granted (1999) to Eurolec Instrumentation
 Ltd for retention of as constructed extension, previously granted planning
 permission under PD4271 to erect sign and reconstruct front entrance to
 factory.

# 5.0 Policy Context

## 5.1. Louth County Development Plan 2015-2021

This Plan provides the strategic planning policies and objectives for the County. Section 2.16.4 notes that the Statutory Plan for Dundalk and the surrounding area is currently the Dundalk and Environs Development Plan 2009-2015 and Policy SS3 seeks: *To review the Dundalk and Environs Development Plan 2009 – 2015 and to prepare a Local Area Plan for Dundalk and Environs which will be consistent with the provisions of the County Plan.* 

In addition to the County Development Plan, I have reviewed the Dundalk Town & Environs Development Plan 2009 – 2015 (as extended) as this provides the most recent zoning framework for the area.

## 5.2. Dundalk and Environs Development Plan 2009-2015 (as amended).

Land use zoning

The site is zoned for residential development, RES1, where the objective of the zoning is: *To protect and improve existing residential amenities and to provide for suitable infill and new residential developments* (see attachments).

Section 2.5 refers to the Zoning Matrix and Table 2.4 to Zoning Uses. It is noted that Light Industrial is 'Not Permitted' within the Residential land use zoning. Section 2.5 includes: A 'not permitted use' is a use that would be contrary to the zoning objectives and sustainable development. Extensions to existing non conforming uses within any zoned area will be considered on their merits.

#### **Development Contributions**

Section 11.3.1 refers to Section 48 Development Contributions. This includes regard to the Council's Development Contributions Scheme and notes:

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All development proposals are required by conditions attaching to planning permissions to make a financial contribution towards the costs incurred by the councils, or likely to be incurred, in the provision of public infrastructure.

## 5.3. Development Contributions - Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2013

The Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government has issued these guidelines under section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). Planning authorities and An Bord Pleanála are required to have regard to the guidelines in performance of their functions under the Planning Acts.

The primary objective of the development contribution mechanism is to partly fund the provision of essential public infrastructure, without which development could not proceed. Development contributions have enabled much essential public infrastructure to be funded since 2000 in combination with other sources of, mainly exchequer, funding. Discussion is had of the concept and application of the General Development Scheme, Special Contributions and Supplementary Contributions Schemes.

## 5.4. Natural Heritage Designations

The appeal site lies in a serviced area, c.1.3kms to the south west of the Dundalk Bay SAC/SPA.

#### 5.5. **EIA Screening**

Having regard to the limited nature and scale of the proposed development and the absence of any significant environmental sensitivity in the vicinity, the absence of any connectivity to any sensitive location, there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development. The need for environmental impact assessment can, therefore, be excluded at preliminary examination and a screening determination is not required.

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# 6.0 The Appeal

## 6.1. Grounds of Appeal

Environmental Heritage Planning (EHP) Services have submitted a First Party Appeal on behalf of the Applicants against Condition nos. 2 and 3 of the Council's permission. They provide details of the Background and Planning History and have regard to the National and Local Planning Context and to the current operations by Eurolec Instrumentation Ltd. Their grounds of appeal include the following:

#### Condition no.2

- This condition is ultra vires and in conflict with advice set out in Section 7.3 of the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government (DoEHLG): Development Management: Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2007).
- This Section outlines the basic criteria when compiling and imposing a
  planning condition. They also note Section 7.7 of the said Guidelines i.e
  Conditions directly departing from the application.
- They note that the use of the factory building is long standing (regard is had to their Appendix 2) and the Planner's Report determined that it does not impact adversely on the residential amenities or character of the area.
- The justification cited for imposing Condition 2 materially contradicts the view outlined in the body of the planning assessment report and the planning position established in the assessment of the 1984 and 1999 permissions and the subsequent appeal decision.
- They include a number of points which they provide are material to establishing the unnecessary, unreasonable, unenforceable nature and consequence of Condition 2.
- They outline the circumstances where they do not wish to restrict the use to Eurolec Instrumentation Ltd, rather that it can be used for a potential future light industrial use that will not have a detrimental impact on residential amenities.

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- Condition no.2 also unfairly and improperly limits the extent of light industrial work/activity that can be carried out by the current tenant within the premises.
- It does not allow for the full range of products and services provided by Eurolec Instrumentation Ltd. It eliminates a substantial portion of their business and curtails their ability to expand potential products.
- Condition no.2 is completely onerous and unduly harmful and would lead to an inherent variance of permitted/restricted usage within the entire premises.
- They consider that Condition no.2 is unenforceable and refer to Section 7.3.3 of the Development Management Guidelines in this respect.
- Condition no.2 has the effect of materially and detrimentally altering the nature of the Eurolec Instrumentation Ltd's business and in addition to which retention permission was sought and as such is contrary to Section 7.7 of the Guidelines.
- It falls well short of any expected standard or common sense benchmark of reasonableness, necessity, enforceability or fairness and is grossly at odds with the standards and advice set out in the Development Management Guidelines 2007. It is therefore ultra vires and should be removed from the planning permission.

#### Condition no.3

- They contend that the provisions of the Louth County Council's Development Contribution Scheme 2016-2021 have not been properly or correctly applied in respect of Condition no.3.
- They have regard to Article 6.0 of the Scheme and submit that exemptions should apply. This is in view of the long established factory use for light industrial purposes, and that alterations or extensions are not proposed.
   Article 6.0(6) should apply to the current application. Condition no. 3 should be removed from the grant of permission.
- Condition no.3 makes provision for public infrastructure and amenity and they have regard to Article 2.0 in this respect – Figure 1 provides an extract.

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- While there is justification for the Infrastructure component, they do not rely
  upon the parks, recreational amenities and community facilities that constitute
  the amenity component of Condition 3. It is unclear how one could reasonably
  argue that any light industrial use should contribute towards a facility which it
  neither needs or would derive a benefit from.
- They suggest that Condition no. 3 be amended to remove the amenity levy and reduce the contribution to €3,542.40.

#### Conclusion

- For the reasons set out the Appellant is confident that there is ample and obvious justification for the Board to remove Condition 2 from the grant of permission, and if deemed necessary replace it with a suitably worded condition that provides a suitable level of protection to existing residential amenities.
- They are satisfied that sufficient justification has been provided to establish
  how the provisions of the Development Contributions Scheme were
  incorrectly applied when calculating the appropriate development levy and
  that favourable consideration in this regard will be forthcoming.

## 6.2. Planning Authority Response

Louth County Council's response includes the following:

- They note that this application seeks to regularise the 73.8sq.m portion of the building which does not appear to have any planning permission.
- They consider that the assumption by EHP Services relative to the
  exemptions allowed by Article 6.0(6) of the Scheme is fundamentally flawed.
  In this case this application is not for a minor amendment to that original grant
  of permission as there was no permission in place for 73.8sq.m of the existing
  building.
- They note that there has been a net increase in floor areas since the original permissions and that in light of this the applicant cannot benefit from the exemption offered under Article 6.0(6).

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- Section 6.2(1) is applicable relative to non-residential rate and restriction on reductions for retention permission.
- They provide a breakdown and note the total development contribution required is as per their Condition no.3.
- They have regard to section 2.1 of the Council's General Development
   Contributions Scheme and note there is no exemption form the payment of
   the amenity portion of the development contribution as alluded to by EHP
   Services.
- The Planning Authority ask the Board not to remove Condition no.3 from the decision to Grant Permission.

#### 7.0 Assessment

## 7.1. Appeal against Conditions

- 7.1.1. This is a First Party Appeal against Conditions nos. 2 and 3 of the Council's permission. Section 139(1)(c) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) provides in summary that where an appeal relates only to a condition or conditions and the Board is satisfied having regard to the nature of the conditions that a determination by the Board of the relevant application as if it had been made in the first instance would not be warranted, the application does not need to be considered *de novo* and the Board at its discretion may attach, amend or remove such conditions.
- 7.1.2. In this case Condition no.2 relates to a restriction on the use of the premises and Condition no.3 relates to development contributions. The Appellant considers that the Council's Development Contributions Scheme has not been properly applied.
- 7.1.3. Section 8.11 of the Development Management Guidelines 2007 is of note in that it provides: The Board has complete discretion to give to the planning authority whatever directions it considers appropriate relating to the attachment, amendment of or removal from the grant of permission of the condition or conditions the subject of the appeal, or any other conditions. However, in appeals relating to section

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- 48/section 49 financial contributions conditions only, the Board is restricted to consideration of the matters under appeal.
- 7.1.4. Therefore, having regard to the legislation, guidelines and the documentation submitted and taking into account that there are no third party appeals or observations submitted, I would recommend that it would be appropriate in this instance for the Board to deal with this retention application as an appeal against conditions rather than de novo.

#### 7.2. Condition no. 2

7.2.1. It is noted that the applicant sought retention permission for the original industrial building and its use for light industrial. The Council's permission included Condition no. 2 which provides a restriction on the use and is as follows:

This permission for retention hereby granted shall relate solely to the use of the premises by Eurolec Instrumentation Limited for the manufacture and supply of precision temperature, pressure, FFT (Fast Fourier Transform), vibration, noise and displacement measuring instruments where such manufacturing and supply does not give rise to any noise or light pollution, vibration, dust, dirt, odour or general disturbance or disruptions.

Reason: To ensure the development accords with the permission and to ensure that effective control is maintained.

7.2.2. The Planner's Report notes that to permit light industrial in the residential land use zoning would normally be materially contrary the zoning objective for the area — Section 2.5 and Table 2.4 of the Dundalk & Environs DP 2009-2015 (as extended) relate. However, regard in this case is had to the background and planning history of the site, where the non-conforming use has become established. While the existing usage by Eurolec Instrumentation Limited was considered not to impact adversely on the residential amenities of the area, the Planner considered it reasonable to include this condition to the use as described in the applicants Planning Submission by EHP Services. Their Report includes: The reason for this is that the premises could be used by other operators for manufacturing without a material change of use of the lands, where such use could by reason of the activity carried out there, impact on the surrounding residential amenity. The Planner considers: this is the best compromise

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between permitting this non-conforming use in a residential area while at the same time safeguarding the residential amenity of surrounding residences.

## 7.3. Regard to Background and Usage

- 7.3.1. The Supporting Planning Statement submitted with the application provide details of the background, usage and planning history of the site. It is provided that this application was submitted to facilitate the purchase of the subject property. They note the Applicant has owned Technology House, Cluan Enda since late 1999/2000 and has been paying rates on the premises. Whereas the Applicant has documentation pertaining to the planning permissions in respect of later extensions to the property there is no record of permissions in relation to the original factory building. Research indicates the factory building was constructed c. 1969/1970 and used initially for shoe manufacturing under the name Dean Shoes. They provide that the structure has been used for light industrial/manufacturing purposes and note details of various permissions.
- 7.3.2. More recently, Reg.Ref. 99/347 refers, permission was granted by the Council for erection of a sign and reconstruction of front entrance to factory on the subject site. This was subject to a Third Party appeal to the Board Ref. PL55.118398 refers and it is noted that permission was granted subject to conditions by the Board (copy included in the Appendix to this Report). As noted by the First Party the First Schedule of this permission included: Having regard to the established use of the site for light industrial purposes and to the planning history of the site, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out in the Second Schedule, the proposed development would not seriously injure the amenities of the area or be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
- 7.3.3. Therefore, at that time, it would appear that the Board, accepted the established use of the site as *light industrial*. While the background history is of relevance in this instance, it was before the residential land use zoning in the current Dundalk and Environs DP 2009-2015(as extended). However, having regard to the documentation submitted it would appear that the use, has been established for some time. The First Party considers that the previous planning history and the Board's comments establish the planning bona fides of the light/manufacturing use as it pertains to both the original factory building as well as to the extended building and site.

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## 7.4. Regard to current Usage

- 7.4.1. Details are given of the current and continued use and operations at Eurolec Instrumentation Ltd. They are described as being a leading manufacturer and supplier of precision temperature, pressure, FFT (Fast Fourier transform), vibration, noise and displacement measuring instruments for use in wide range of industries including food preparation, industrial catering, land and pharamachem, industrial processes, engineering and environmental emissions. Component parts are delivered, assembled and tested before being collected and distributed via courier to the business' varied customer base. When on site I noted that the premises appeared more in office rather than light manufacturing use. It not appear that there was manufacturing activity currently taking place nor was there any dust, noise, vibration from the premises. It is provided that there are 3 full time and 1 part time members of staff. I noted that the car park at the rear provides 7no. spaces. Opening hours are given as 8.30am to 5.30pm Mondays to Fridays. Details of operations include that the business generates 2 or 3 private/visitor movements per day and 3 delivery/collection courier vans per week.
- 7.4.2. As noted by the First Party the construction and use of the original structure is immune to enforcement and the existing business as well as future business could operate from the premises without the need for further planning consent. A prerequisite of the pending sale is provision of appropriate written confirmation that the property is fully compliant with planning. They provide that this application is being submitted to regularise matters on site only to facilitate the sale of the property. The existing tenants Eurolec Instrumentation Ltd. are to remain in situ.
- 7.4.3. However, they consider that the restriction of this use to the current user puts an unacceptable burden upon the retention permission effectively nullifying and devaluing the consent that has been granted. In this respect they refer to Section 7.7 of the Development Management Guidelines i.e Conditions directly departing from the application. The application did not seek to have the use confined to the current user rather it sought retention permission for a light industrial use.
- 7.4.4. The First Party consider that the Council's Condition no.2 is not justifiable and is unenforceable. In this respect they refer to the Development Management Guidelines 2007. Section 7.3 provides the basic criteria for conditions and these

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include that the condition should be: Necessary; Relevant to planning; Relevant to the development to be permitted; Enforceable and Precise. They contend that the wording it also limits a substantial portion of Eurolec Instrumentation Ltd.'s existing business. In that it effectively curtails their ability and potential to expand the range of products and services they may provide within the context of their existing business model and light industrial use. In this regard they provide that Condition 2 is onerous and harmful. They consider that it is ultra vires and should be removed from the grant of planning permission.

## 7.5. Regard to Light Industrial Use

- 7.5.1. Article 5(1) Part 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 is relevant to Light Industrial Use i.e: "light industrial building" means an industrial building in which the processes carried on or the plant or machinery installed are such as could be carried on or installed in any residential area without detriment to the amenity of that area by reason of noise, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, soot, ash, dust or grit;
- 7.5.2. Having regard to the locational context of the site, surrounded by housing within the Residential land use zoning, I would consider that it is important that any use carried on within the premises, is compatible with and would not be detrimental to the amenities or character of the residential area. Therefore, having regard to this issue and to the restricted nature of the access, a low key light industrial use would be preferable. It appears that the existing use on site is relatively low key, in particular relative to operations carried on, staff numbers, hours of opening, vehicular movements, lack of noise, vibration, smell, fumes etc.
- 7.5.3. Taking into account the background and planning history of the site and the documentation submitted including in the First Party grounds of appeal, I would consider that the Council's wording in Condition no.2 is unwarranted and overly restrictive. I would recommend that this Condition be amended so that rather than being specifically tied to Eurolec Instrumentation Limited, that it be restricted to light industrial use. However, in order to exercise some control over any future occupant considering the proximity to residential, the nature of the access etc, that it be included that details of any change from the existing user be submitted for the written agreement of the Council, prior to the commencement of that use.

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## 7.6. Condition no. 3 - Regard to Legislation and Guidelines

- 7.6.1. Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, (as amended) details the methodology and guiding principles by which Development Contributions Schemes should be arrived at. The wording of s.48(10)(b) of the 2000 Act states that 'an appeal may be brought to the Board where an applicant for permission under section 34 considers that the terms of the scheme have not been properly applied in respect of any condition laid down by the Planning authority'. The wording of this section is restrictive in so far as it limits consideration of such appeals to the application of the terms of the adopted development contribution scheme and the powers of the Board to consider other matters. Therefore, the application is not considered 'de novo' and issue in question in this case is solely whether the Council's Development Contribution Scheme has been properly applied.
- 7.6.2. Development Contributions Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the DoECLG in January 2013 offers non-statutory guidance for Planning Authorities in preparing Schemes. This provides that a key aim for future development contribution schemes is to promote sustainable development patterns, secure investment in capital infrastructure and encourage economic activity. These Guidelines are issued under section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000(as amended). This includes regard to reduced rates in certain cases. Of note: "However, no exemption or waiver should apply to any applications for retention of development. Planning authorities are encouraged to impose higher rates in respect of such applications."
- 7.6.3. The First Party considers that Article 6.0 of the Louth County Council Development Contributions Scheme 2016-2021 Exemptions and Reductions should apply. However, Section 6.1 provides that: Exemptions shall Not apply to permissions for retention. They contend that as the submitted application sought retention permission of the long established factory building and its use for light industrial purposes, and does not proposed any alterations to the exiting building or increase in existing floor area, that the exemption afforded under Article 6.0(6) of the said Scheme should apply and Condition no. 3 should be removed. This provides no charge for: Retention applications where the application relates solely to minor amendments of the original grant where there is no increase in floor area.

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7.6.4. As noted in the Council's response this application is not for a minor amendment to the original grant of permission as there is no permission in place for 73.8sq.m of the existing building. Furthermore, this is a net increase in floor area from that already granted. In view of these issues I would not consider that this can be considered as a minor amendment to the original grants of permission as there was no grant for this this portion of the building and this retention application has been submitted to regularise this issue. Therefore, I would not consider that this exemption would apply.

#### 7.7. Condition no.3 - Calculations

7.7.1. This Condition relates to Development Contributions and is as follows:

In accordance with the Council's Development Contributions Scheme 2016-2021 made under the provisions of section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 the developer shall pay a contribution to the Planning Authority, (or such increased amount in accordance with the changes on an annual basis to the Chartered Surveyors of Ireland Construction Tender Price Index) towards the costs already incurred by the Planning Authority on the provision of each of the public facilities listed below, which will benefit development in the area of the Planning Authority. Unless otherwise agreed with the Planning Authority the said contribution shall be paid in full within 3 months of the Grant of Permission.

Class1 Infrastructure - 73.8sq.m x €48/sqm = €3,542.40

Class 2 Amenity - 73.8sqm x €12/sqm = € 885.60

Total = €4,428.00

- 7.7.2. This condition relates to the 73.8sq.m of original floorspace which as shown on the plans submitted and in Appendix 2 attached to the grounds of appeal, is the subject of this application for retention.
- 7.7.3. These Classes are taken from Louth County Council Development Contribution Scheme 2016-2021 Article 5.0, Table 1 Level of Contribution relative to Non-Residential Development refers.
- 7.7.4. Article 2, Section 2.1 refers to General Development Contributions. Section 2.2 notes the type of public infrastructure and facilities that can be funded by this mechanism

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include – Fig. 1 of the Appeal Statement refers. The First Party contends that while there is ample justification for the Infrastructure component of Condition no.3 as the existing and future users of the appeal site make use of the local road network, public storm water and foul drainage systems etc; they do not rely upon the parks, recreational amenities and community facilities that constitute the amenity component of Condition no.3. They consider that it is unclear how one could reasonably argue that any light industrial use should contribute towards a facility which it neither need nor would derive a benefit from. They suggest that Condition no.3 be amended to remove the amenity levy and reduce the contribution to €3,542.40.

- 7.7.5. However, it is noted that there is no stated exemption in the County Louth Development Contribution Scheme 2016-2021 relative to this issue. The distinction relative to contributions is as made in Article 5.0, Table 1 i.e. relative to Residential Development and Non-Residential Development. There is no mention of exemptions or reductions relative to different classes of development or from payment of the amenity proportion of the development contribution.
- 7.7.6. Having regard to the above, I would consider that Condition no.3 of the Council's permission has been properly applied in accordance with the Louth County Council Development Contributions Scheme 2016-2021 and I would recommend that it be retained.

## 7.8. Screening for AA

7.8.1. Having regard to nature and scale of the development proposed for retention in a fully serviced and zoned residential area and the nature of the receiving environment and the distance and lack of connections to the nearest European sites: Dundalk Bay SPA (site code: 004026) and SAC (site code: 000455), no Appropriate Assessment issues arise and it is not considered that the proposed development would be likely to have a significant effect individually or in combination with other plans or projects on a European site.

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## 8.0 Recommendation

8.1. I recommend that Condition no.2 of the Council's permission Reg.Ref.19/109 be amended and Condition no.3 be retained.

#### 9.0 Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the 'residential use' zoning of the site, to the nature and scale of the development proposed for retention, the existing historical light industrial use of the site, and to the existing pattern of development in the vicinity, it is considered that, subject to the amendments to Condition no.2 of Register Reference no.19/109, as set out below, the development proposed for retention would not be out of character with existing development within the area, would be acceptable in terms of visual impact, would not seriously injure the residential amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity and would be in accordance with the provisions of the Dundalk and Environs Development Plan 2009-2015 as extended. The development proposed for retention would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

#### 10.0 Condition no.2

- (a) The building proposed for retention shall be used for light industrial purposes only, as defined in Article 5(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001(as amended).
- (b) The unit shall not be subdivided and details of any change of user from the current occupant shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of use.

**Reason:** In order to control the intensity of development in the interest of residential amenity and to ensure that adequate car parking and service facilities are provided.

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Planning Inspector
2<sup>nd</sup> of August 2019

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