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**NOTIFICATION OF DECISION TO REFUSE PERMISSION  
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (as amended) AND  
PLANNING REGULATIONS THEREUNDER**

<b>Decision Order No.</b>	<b>0981</b>	<b>Date of Decision</b>	22-Aug-2024
<b>Register Reference</b>	SD24A/0164W	<b>Date</b>	28-Jun-2024

**Applicant:**

Google Ireland Limited

**Development:**

Ten-year planning permission is sought for the expansion of existing Google Ireland Limited operations at Grange Castle Business Park South, Dublin, including the development of a 72, 400m<sup>2</sup> data storage facility which will incorporate data halls with associated support areas, a high voltage compound, offices and staff facilities, a loading area, mechanical and electrical yards, internal and external utilities, security fence and gates, landscaping including acoustic screening, 2 no. stormwater attenuation ponds, additional internal vehicle and pedestrian infrastructure, together with ancillary buildings and site infrastructure. The development also includes the creation of a new active travel thoroughfare connecting Grange Castle Business Park South and Profile Park Road.

**Location:**

Grange Castle Business Park South and Profile Park,  
Baldonnell, Dublin, D22 X602

**Time extension(s) up to and including:**

**Additional Information Requested/Received:**

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**Clarification of Additional Information Requested/Received:**

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**DECISION:** Pursuant to the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), dated as above a decision to **REFUSE PERMISSION** is hereby made for the said development for the reason(s) set out on the Schedule hereto.

## **REASON(S)**

1. Having regard to the existing insufficient capacity in the electricity network (grid), the lack of significant on site renewable energy to power (below 100%) the proposed development, the lack of clarity provided in relation to the applicant's engagement with Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) in Ireland with regard the development in question rather than the site or wider arrangements in place, the lack of a connection to the surrounding district heating network, the proposed design of the development as well as how it relates to its surroundings, and lack of detail of how the proposal will impact power supply once operational (2027), it is considered that the applicant has failed to demonstrate that the proposed use is acceptable on EE zoned lands, in accordance with EDE7 Objective 2 and Section 12.9.4 of the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028. In this regard the proposed development, would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
2. The proposed development does not comply with EDE7 Objective 3, GI1 Objective 4, GI2 Objective 2, GI2 Objective 4, GI1 Objective 1, NCBH11 Objective 3, 4 and 5 and GI5 Objective 4 the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028 in relation to the retention and protection of existing green infrastructure (stream and hedgerow), culverting and alteration of the stream on site, provision of green infrastructure, and complying with the SDCC Green Space Factor. In this regard the proposed development, would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Please note that upon receipt of this document you are obliged to remove the planning site notice in compliance with Article 20 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). Please note that any valid submissions or observations received in accordance with the provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), have been considered in the determination of this application.

**Register Reference:**                **SD24A/0164W**

Signed on behalf of the South Dublin County Council.

Yours faithfully,

*Pamela Hughes* 26-Aug-2024  
for **Senior Planner**

## NOTES

### **(A) REFUND OF FEES SUBMITTED WITH A PLANNING APPLICATION**

Provision is made for a partial refund of fees in the case of certain repeat applications submitted within a period of twelve months where the full standard fee was paid in respect of the first application and where both applications related to developments of the same character or description and to the same site. An application for a refund must be made in writing to the Planning Authority and received by them within a period of two months beginning on the date of the Planning Authority's decision on the second application. For full details of fees, refunds and exemptions the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 should be consulted.

### **(A) APPEALS**

1. An appeal against the decision may be made to An Bord Pleanála. The applicant or ANY OTHER PERSON who made submissions or observations to the Local Authority may appeal within FOUR WEEKS beginning on the date of this decision. (N.B. Not the date on which the decision is sent or received).
1. Every appeal must be made in writing and must state the subject matter and full grounds of appeal. It must be fully complete from the start. In the case of a third party appeal it must be accompanied by the acknowledgement by the Planning Authority of receipt of the submissions/observations. Appeals should be sent to:
  2. The Secretary, An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.
  3. An Appeal lodged by an applicant/ agent or by a third party with An Bord Pleanála will be invalid unless accompanied by the prescribed fee. A schedule of fees is at 7 below.
  4. A party to an appeal making a request to An Bord Pleanála for an Oral Hearing of an appeal must, in addition to the prescribed fee, pay to An Bord Pleanála a further fee (see 7 (g) below).
  5. A person who is not a party to an appeal must pay a fee to An Bord Pleanála when making submissions or observations to An Bord Pleanála in relation to an appeal.
  6. If the Council makes a decision to grant permission/grant permission consequent on a grant of outline permission and there is no appeal to An Bord Pleanála against this decision, PERMISSION/PERMISSION CONSEQUENT ON A GRANT OF OUTLINE PERMISSION will be granted by the Council as soon as may be after the expiration of the period for the taking of such an appeal. If any appeal made in accordance with the Acts has been withdrawn, the Council will grant the PERMISSION/PERMISSION CONSEQUENT ON A GRANT OF OUTLINE PERMISSION/RETENTION as soon as may be after the withdrawal.
  7. Fees payable to An Bord Pleanála from 10th December 2007 are as follows:
    - (a) Appeal against a decision of a Planning Authority on a planning application relating to commercial development made by the person by whom the planning application was made. where the application relates to unauthorised development .....€4.500.00 or €9.000 if an E.I.A.R. is involved
    - (b) Appeal against a decision of a planning authority on a planning application relating to commercial development made by the person by whom the planning application was made. other than an appeal mentioned at (a)..... €1.500.00 or €3,000.00 if an E.I.A.R. is involved
    - (c) Appeal made by the person by whom the planning application was made, where the application relates to unauthorised development other than an appeal mentioned at (a) or (b) .....€660.00
    - (d) Appeal other than an appeal mentioned at (a), (b), (c) or (f) .....€220.00
    - (e) Application for leave to appeal.....€110.00
    - (f) Appeal following a grant of leave to appeal .....€110.00
    - (g) Referral .....€220.00
    - (h) Reduced fee (payable by specified bodies).....€110.00
    - (i) Submission or observations (by observer).....€50.00
    - (j) Request from a party for an Oral Hearing .....€50.00

If in doubt regarding any of the above appeal matters, you should contact An Bord Pleanála for clarification at

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