
Reg. Ref.

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An Bord Pleanala Ref: APB-320668-24
Appeal Decided: 17/07/2025
Appellant Type: 3rd Party
Appeal Decision: Grant Permission
Councils Decision: GRANT PERMISSION
Applicant: Weston Aviation Academy Ltd

Location: Lands forming part of Weston Airport, at Celbridge Road,
Backweston, Lucan, Co. Dublin, W23 XHF8

Description: Proposed Search and Rescue (SAR) hangar on lands forming part of Weston Airport, at Celbridge Road, Backweston, Lucan, Co. Dublin. The proposed development will consist of a part single and part two storey SAR helicopter hangar of 1,984.4 sq.m FGA to accommodate 2 no. helicopters, maintenance store, workshop and facilities, operations rooms and offices, staff kitchen and accommodation for on0shift personnel. The hangar facility will also facilitate maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) activities for SAR helicopters only. A single-storey structure of 48.9 sq.m GFA facilitating ESB substation, switch room, and security room is also proposed. Permission is also sought for airside infrastructure comprising apron area to connect with existing apron, refuelling areas, service access area and a subdivided fenced compound to accommodate airside SAR support vehicles. The landside subdivision of the fenced compound will house a generator and water tank for firefighting purposes. Also proposed is the reconfiguration of existing emergency airside access from the R403 Celbridge Road to facilitate a dual emergency (airside) access route; pedestrian footpath and access to the proposed development; 20 no. car parking spaces including EV charging and disabled parking provision; 17 no. bicycle parking spaces; watermain and drainage works including foul pump station and rising main; landscaping including paving, planting, earth mounding, and SuDs, SAR facility wall-mounted signage, fencing and all associated site development works on a site area of 2.1112 Ha.