



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Carlow County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 18/11

Appeal by Ballyknockan Homes Limited care of CDP Architecture of 4 The Mall, Main Street, Lucan Village, County Dublin against the decision made on the 21st day of March, 2019 by Carlow County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: The construction of 39 number new dwellings to include 25 number terraced two storey houses (two and three beds), 4 number semi-detached bungalow houses (two beds) and 10 number semi-detached two storey houses (two and three beds); with the provision of rear access into terraced houses for bin storage, and associated parking; together with the completion of all previously granted landscaped areas, roads, footpaths and site development works associated with the previously granted development under planning register reference number 03/430 (An Bord Pleanála appeal reference PL01.206855) at Ballyknockan, Leighlinbridge, County Carlow, as amended by the revised public notice received by An Bord Pleanála on the 22nd day of October, 2019.

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.

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.

Appropriate Assessment Screening

The Board considered the Screening Report for Appropriate Assessment, the Natura Impact Statement and all the other relevant submissions and carried out both an appropriate assessment screening exercise and an appropriate assessment in relation to the potential effects of the proposed development on designated European Sites.

The Board agreed with the screening assessment and conclusion carried out in the Inspector's report that the River Barrow and River Nore Special Area of Conservation (Site Code 002162), is the only European Site in respect of which the proposed development has the potential to have a significant effect.

Appropriate Assessment

The Board considered the Natura Impact Statement and all other relevant submissions and carried out an appropriate assessment of the implications of the proposed development for European Sites, namely, the River Barrow and River Nore Special Area of Conservation (Site Code 002162), in view of the site's conservation objectives. The Board considered that the information before it was adequate to allow the carrying out of an appropriate assessment.

In completing the appropriate assessment, the Board considered, in particular, the following:

- (i) the likely direct and indirect impacts arising from the proposed development both individually or in combination with other plans or projects,
- (ii) the mitigation measures which are included as part of the current proposal, and
- (iii) the conservation objectives for the European Site.

In completing the appropriate assessment, the Board accepted and adopted the appropriate assessment carried out in the Inspector's report in respect of the potential effects of the proposed development on the aforementioned European Site, having regard to the site's conservation objectives.

In overall conclusion, the Board was satisfied that the proposed development, by itself or in combination with other plans or projects, would not adversely affect the integrity of the European Site, in view of the site's conservation objectives.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the provisions of the Carlow County Development Plan 2015-2021, the National Planning Framework 2018-2040, the Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas - Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government (Cities, Towns & Villages) in May 2009, the Urban Development and Building Heights - Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in August 2018, the planning history of the site and the overall design and scale of the proposed development, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the visual or residential amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity and would be acceptable in terms of pedestrian and traffic safety and convenience. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. The 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 submitted on the 28th day of January, 2019 and received by An Bord Pleanála on the 17th day of April, 2019, 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 development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. (a) This permission relates to the construction of 37 number dwellings i.e. 25 number terraced dwellings and 12 number semi-detached dwellings.
- (b) The layout of the development shall be carried out in accordance with the Proposed Site Layout Plan drawing number 3.1.100 submitted to the planning authority on 4th day of April, 2018.
- (c) Dwelling units 25A and 25B shall be omitted and the area developed as public open space.

Revised drawings showing compliance with these requirements shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of sustainable development and residential amenity.

3. Drainage arrangements, including the attenuation and disposal of surface water, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services. Surface water outfall connection to the surface water system serving the R448 will not be accepted. Prior to the commencement of development, the applicant shall submit surface water outfall proposals for the written agreement of the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

4. The applicant or developer shall enter into water and/or wastewater connection agreement(s) with Irish Water prior to the commencement of this development.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

5. The site access arrangements and the internal road network serving the proposed development, including turning bays, junctions, parking areas, footpaths and kerbs, shall be in accordance with the detailed requirements of the planning authority for such works.

Reason: In the interests of amenity and of pedestrian and traffic safety.

6. All of the communal parking areas serving the residential units shall be provided with functional electric vehicle charging points, and all of the in-curtilage car parking spaces serving residential units shall be provided with electric connections to the exterior of the houses to allow for the provision of future electric vehicle charging points. Details of how it is proposed to comply with these requirements shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of sustainable transportation.

7. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed development shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

8. Details of all boundary treatments shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interests of visual and residential amenity.

9. The developer shall appoint and retain the services of a qualified Landscape Architect (or qualified Landscape Designer) as a Landscape Consultant, throughout the life of the construction works and shall notify the planning authority of that appointment in writing prior to commencement of development. A practical completion certificate shall be signed off by the Landscape Architect when all landscape works are fully completed to the satisfaction of the planning authority and in accordance with the permitted landscape proposals.

Reason: To ensure full and verifiable implementation of the approved landscape design.

10. All service cables associated with the proposed development (such as electrical, telecommunications and communal television) shall be located underground. Ducting shall be provided by the developer to facilitate the provision of broadband infrastructure within the proposed development. All existing over ground cables crossing or bounding the site shall be relocated underground as part of the site development works, at the developer's expense.

Reason: In the interests of visual and residential amenity.

11. Proposals for the development name and numbering scheme and associated signage shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Thereafter, signs and numbers, shall be provided in accordance with the agreed scheme. No advertisements/marketing signage relating to the name of the development shall be erected until the developer has obtained the planning authority's written agreement to the proposed name.

Reason: In the interest of urban legibility, and to ensure the use of locally appropriate place names for new residential areas.

12. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0800 to 1900 Mondays to Fridays inclusive, between 0800 to 1400 hours on Saturdays and not at all on Sundays and public holidays. Deviation from these times will 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.

13. The construction of the 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 development including noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

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

14. A construction traffic management plan shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. The plan shall include details of arrangements for routes for construction traffic, parking during the construction phase, the location of the compound for storage of plant and machinery (which shall not be within the areas designated for tree protection) and for storage of deliveries to the site.

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

15. Public lighting shall be provided in accordance with a scheme, details of which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Such lighting shall be provided prior to the making available for occupation of any unit.

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

16. Prior to commencement of development, the applicant or other person with an interest in the land to which the application relates shall enter into an agreement in writing with the planning authority in relation to the provision of housing in accordance with the requirements of section 94(4) and section 96(2) and 3 (Part V) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, unless an exemption certificate shall have been applied for and been granted under section 97 of the Act, as amended. Where such an agreement is not reached within eight weeks from the date of this order, the matter in dispute (other than a matter to which section 96(7) applies) may be referred by the planning authority or any other prospective party to the agreement to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

Reason: To comply with the requirements of Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended and of the housing strategy in the development plan for the area.

17. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall lodge with the planning authority a cash deposit, a bond of an insurance company, or other security to secure the provision and satisfactory completion of roads, footpaths, watermains, drains, open space and other services required in connection with the development, coupled with an agreement empowering the local authority to apply such security or part thereof to the satisfactory completion of any part of the development. The form and amount of the security shall be as agreed between the planning authority and the developer or, in default of agreement, shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

Reason: To ensure the satisfactory completion of the development.

18. 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 Bord 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.

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

Dated this day of 2020.