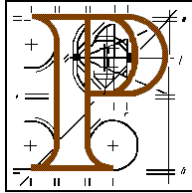


An Bord Pleanála



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2004

Offaly County Council

APPLICATION by Offaly County Council for approval under section 175 of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2004 in accordance with plans and particulars, including an environmental impact statement, lodged with the Board on the 29th August, 2006.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Edenderry Rhode Water Supply Ground Water Abstraction Scheme, Edenderry, County Offaly.

DECISION

GRANT approval 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.

Reasons and Considerations

Having considered any submissions or observations made to it and the report and recommendation of the person appointed by the Board to make a report and recommendation on the matter and also having regard to the provisions of the County Offaly Development Plan 2003-2009, to the details and likely impacts of the development as set out in the Edenderry/Rhode Water Supply Preliminary Report dated October 2006 and in Volume 2 of the environmental impact statement dated July 2006, it is considered that subject to the conditions set out in this order, the proposed development:

- (i) would not have an adverse effect in reducing groundwater contributions to the rivers in the Figile and Boyne catchments and would not have adverse effects on the water quality of these rivers,

- (ii) would not have a significant effect on the archaeological heritage of the area,
- (iii) would not seriously injure the visual amenities of the area,
- (iv) would not interfere to any significant extent with existing land uses in the vicinity,
- (v) would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience,
- (vi) would not be likely to result in significant adverse effects on the environment, and,
- (vii) would be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. Groundwater level monitoring shall be conducted by the local authority at all borehole and well sources.

Reason: To ensure that impacts experienced are within anticipated limits.

2. Water quality monitoring shall be conducted by the local authority at all borehole and well sources.

Reason: To ensure that the quality of groundwater is to an acceptable standard.

3. A detailed landscaping plan shall be prepared by the local authority for the entire Edenderry wellfield. A copy of the landscaping plan shall be made available for public inspection at the offices of the local authority.

Reason: To ensure adequate screening of the proposed development in the interest of the amenities of the area.

4. Sympathetic finishes in terms of colour and texture shall be chosen by the local authority for buildings and kiosks at Edenderry and Daingean.

Reason: In the interest of the amenities of the area.

5. Offaly County Council shall employ a suitably qualified archaeologist to supervise the stripping of any topsoil related to the proposed development. A report of the monitoring shall be prepared on completion of topsoil stripping. A copy of the report shall be made available for public inspection at the offices of the local authority.

Reason: To ensure the protection of any items of archaeological interest which may be impacted upon.

6. Where any private wells within the drawdown zones are adversely impacted, the local authority shall either deepen the existing well or provide a new supply from the distribution network.

Reason: To ensure the availability of necessary supply at the private wells or the provision of an adequate alternative supply.

7. No boreholes shall be located within 50 metres of the holy well, Toberronan Well at the Daingean site.

Reason: To avoid any disturbance to the site of the holy well.

8. Close liaison shall take place between the local authority and the contractor to ensure full implementation of all the mitigation measures listed in Tables 7.1, 8.2, 9.8, 10.1, 11.1, 12.1 and 13.6 of the environmental impact statement and to include conditions 1 to 7 as listed above.

Reason: To ensure the protection of the groundwater and surface water sources and to protect the amenities of the area.

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

Dated this day of 2006.