



Board Direction

Ref: PL27.245991

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on April 20th 2016.

The Board decided, by a vote of 2 to 1, to refuse permission generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the relationship of the stone shed to the boundary wall which encloses the graveyard associated with St. Saviour's Church, and by reason of the design and materials used in the subject development, it is considered that the development for which retention has been sought would have a material and adverse impact on the character and setting of this important historic building which is identified in the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage as being of regional importance and which is included in the Record of Protected Structures under the provisions of the Wicklow County Development Plan 2010 – 2016 (ref. 30-17). The development proposed for retention would materially contravene objective RPS2 of the Wicklow County Council Development Plan 2010-2016, and would seriously injure the visual setting of the protected structure. The development proposed for retention would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Note: The Board considered that an alternative proposal, involving the reconstruction, in stone, of the southern (party) wall, together with the provision of a slated roof to the shed, might mitigate the unacceptable impact of the subject development, but was not satisfied that the applicant had demonstrated sufficient legal interest to enable such a solution to be carried out, and therefore decided that it would not be appropriate to grant a permission in this case that would require such a solution. Furthermore, the Board did not consider it appropriate that any temporary permission should be given in this case, where there is no certainty that any such mitigation could be achieved.

[Please issue a copy of this direction with the Board Order]

Board Member: _____ Date: 21st April 2016
Philip Jones