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Bord
Pleanála

Board Direction
PL25M.248607

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 4th October 2017.

The Board decided to grant permission generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations, and subject to the following conditions.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the zoning provisions and educational policies and objectives set out in the Westmeath County development plan 2014-2020, to the demonstrated need for a post-primary school in the area, to the existing character of the area, to the nature and scale of the proposed school development, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would deliver on stated national and local policy in relation to new schools and in particular the requirement for a new post-primary school for Kilbeggan on the appeal site reserved for a new replacement secondary school in the current development plan. The proposed development would not seriously injure the residential amenities of the area and would be acceptable in terms of pedestrian and traffic safety and convenience and would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. This outline permission relates solely to the principle of the school and associated development on this site. No development shall take place until an application for permission consequent on the grant of outline permission, has been granted permission in respect of details relating to layout, siting, height, design, external appearance, soft and hard landscape, lighting and means of access. This school development shall be sensitively and site specifically designed to take into account the site context.

Reason: In the interest of clarity and to define the subject matter for consideration at permission consequent stage.

2. The school shall not open until the speed limit on the R446 to the front of the site has been reduced to a maximum speed of 50 kilometres per hour to the east of the proposed vehicular entry point and until all cycleways, footpaths and other traffic calming measures, details of which shall be submitted to the planning authority at permission consequent phase, have been provided

Reason: In the interest of pedestrian and traffic safety.

3. Water supply and drainage arrangements, including the attenuation and disposal of surface water, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works. Details in this regard shall be submitted to the planning authority at permission consequent stage.

Reason: In the interest of public health and to ensure a proper standard of development.

4. The internal road network serving the proposed development including bus and car set down areas, junctions, vehicle and bicycle parking areas, footpaths, cycle paths and kerbs shall comply with the detailed standards of the planning authority for such road works. Details in this regard shall be submitted to the planning authority at permission consequent stage.

Reason: In the interests of amenity and of traffic safety including safety of vulnerable road users.

5. All public service cables for the development, including electrical and telecommunications cables, shall be located underground throughout the site.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

Board Member

Date: 4th October 2017

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