

## Board Direction BD-000132-18 ABP-300558-18

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on March 27<sup>th</sup> 2018.

The Board decided to refuse permission for the following reasons and considerations.

## **Reasons and Considerations**

- Having regard to the existing deficiency in the provision of adequate sewerage infrastructure serving the subject site, it is considered that the proposed development would be premature pending the carrying out and completion of Contract 2B of the Upper Liffey Valley Sewerage Scheme. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
- 2. Having regard to the proposed density of development, at a net density of 26 units per hectare, it is considered that the proposed development would not be developed at a sufficiently high density to provide for an acceptable efficiency in land usage given the proximity of the site to the built-up area of Kill village and in close proximity to educational facilities and to the established social and community services in the immediate vicinity. In addition, the proposed development does not have an adequate mix of dwelling types, being predominantly semi-detached and detached housing. It is considered that the low density proposed would be contrary to the provisions of the Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable

Residential Development in Urban Areas (2009), issued to planning authorities under section 28 of the Planning and Development Act, which indicate that net densities less than 30 dwellings per hectare should generally be discouraged in the interests of land efficiency. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to these Ministerial Guidelines and contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

3. It is considered that, having regard to the correspondence and the accompanying map dated 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2018, received by An Bord Pleanála from the Development Applications Unit of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, regarding the re-classification of Recorded Monument KD020-001-003 from enclosure / ring-barrow / tumulus to hillfort and the resultant expanded buffer that corresponds with the area of archaeological potential around the hillfort and the archaeological complex to the south comprising sites and monument numbers KD019-010, KD019-056, KD019-057 and KD019-008004 protected by Preservation Order number 3 of 2007 published by the National Monuments Service, the proposed development would be likely to injure or interfere with a historic monument which stands registered in the Register of Historic Monuments under Section 5 of the National Monuments Acts, or which is situated in an archaeological area so registered. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission for part of the proposed development and to refuse permission for the remainder, the Board considered that to permit houses numbers 1 to 32 (as recommended by the Inspector) would not allow for a comprehensive re-design of the overall lands that would be available for development following from the archaeological constraints outlined in the submission by the Development Applications Unit of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, which comprehensive re-design the Board considers is necessary having regard to the need to provide for an increased residential density (in accordance with national policy), particularly in that part of the

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site not immediately adjacent to the existing Earl's Court housing development, and the need to provide for pedestrian and cycle, but not vehicular, access from the lands through the adjoining Earl's Court Housing Scheme, in the interests of pedestrian and traffic safety.

**Board Member** 

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