

## Board Direction BD-006133-20 ABP-306447-20

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 17/07/2020.

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 relevant provisions of the Meath County Development Plan and the location of the proposed development in a rural area, within a Low Development Pressure Area, where the applicant has an established rural housing need and where, subject to the conditions set out hereunder, the proposed dwelling would not seriously injure the residential amenities of adjoining property or on the visual amenities of the area, would not constitute a traffic hazard, and would be acceptable in terms of pedestrian and traffic safety, the proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

## **Conditions**

 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 1 day of November 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. The finished floor level of the proposed dwelling and the proposed garage shall be 70.00m relative to the near edge road level of 70.15m at the proposed entrance. The ridge level of the dwelling shall not exceed 76.15m. Prior to the commencement of any work on site, the applicant shall submit a revised site plan, scale 1:500 which clearly shows the reduced finished floor level of 70.00 metres. Compliance with this condition shall be subject to the prior written agreement of the planning authority. No deviation from the above finished floor levels and ridge levels shall be permitted unless otherwise agreed in writing with the planning authority.

**Reason**: In the interests of visual amenity.

3. Prior to the commencement of any other work on site and within 3 months of the date of the final grant of this permission, the applicant shall present a revised dwelling design proposal to the planning authority for written agreement. The revised dwelling design proposal shall incorporate the following specific design changes:

The roof of the proposed rear return, on the north elevation, over the proposed master bedroom, corridor and associated en-suite and wardrobe, shall be stepped below that of the ridge of the remaining rear return.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity.

4. 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.

- a) Existing hedgerows, trees and shrubs on site shall be preserved, except where required to be removed to accommodate the entrance. New site boundaries shall include hedgerow planting with species native to the area.
  b) Prior to occupation of the subject dwelling the applicant shall implement the proposed landscaping scheme received by the Planning Authority on 01/11/2019. The applicant shall inform the planning authority in writing, prior to the occupation of the dwelling house that the landscaping scheme has been implemented.
  - c) The planting shall commence no later than the first planting season following commencement of development. All planting shall be adequately protected from damage until established. Any plants which die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased, within a period of five years from the completion of the development, shall be replaced within the next planting season with others of similar size and species, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the planning authority.

**Reason**: In the interest of residential and visual amenity.

- (a) The proposed effluent treatment and disposal system shall be located, constructed and maintained in accordance with the details submitted to the planning authority, and in accordance with the requirements of the document entitled "Code of Practice Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems Serving Single Houses (p.e. ≤ 10)" Environmental Protection Agency, 2009. Arrangements in relation to the ongoing maintenance of the system shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.
  - (b) Within three months of the first occupation of the dwelling, the developer shall submit a report from a suitably qualified person with professional indemnity insurance certifying that the proprietary effluent treatment system has been installed and commissioned in accordance with

	the approved details and is working in a satisfactory manner in accordance			
	with the standards set out in the EPA document.			
	Reason: In the interest of public health.			
7	Water supply and drainage arrangements, including the disposal of			
	surface water, shall comply with the requirements of the planning author			
	or such works and services.			
	Reason: In the interest of public health			
8	a) The external finish and design detail of the dwelling shall be as shown			
	on the plans submitted on 01/11/2019 unless otherwise agreed in			
	writing with the planning authority. The use of brick or reconstituted			
	stone shall not be permitted.			
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	b) The roof colour of the proposed house shall be blue-black, black, dark			
	brown or dark-grey. The colour of the ridge tile shall be the same as			
	the colour of the roof.			
	Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.			
9	Measures to prevent the spillage or deposit of clay, rubble or other debris			
	on the public road network shall be implemented to the satisfaction of the			
	planning authority and accidental soiling shall be immediately cleared up.			
	Reason: In the interest of traffic safety and convenience, and to protect the			
	amenities of the area.			
10	Any damage to the public road shall be made good to the satisfaction of the			
	planning authority.			

**Reason:** In the interest of traffic safety and convenience, and to protect the amenities of the area.

- a) The proposed dwelling, when completed, shall be first occupied as a place of permanent residence by the applicant, members of the applicant's immediate family or their heirs, and shall remain so occupied for a period of at least seven years thereafter. Prior to commencement of development, the applicant shall enter into a written agreement with the planning authority under section 47 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 to this effect.
  - (b) Within two months of the occupation of the proposed dwelling, the applicant shall submit to the planning authority a written statement of confirmation of the first occupation of the dwelling in accordance with paragraph (a) and the date of such occupation.

This condition shall not affect the sale of the dwelling by a mortgagee in possession or the occupation of the dwelling by any person deriving title from such a sale.

**Reason**: To ensure that the proposed house is used to meet the applicant's stated housing needs and that development in this rural area is appropriately restricted [to meeting essential local need] in the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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.

Board Member		Date:	23/07/2020
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