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Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 04/02/2021.

The Board treated this case under section 48 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. The Board also decided, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, that the planning authority be directed, as follows:

Amend condition 2 as follows.

2. Before development commences the developer shall pay the sum of **€255,376.00** (two hundred and fifty five thousand and three hundred and seventy six euro) to the Planning Authority as a contribution in respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefiting development in the area of the Planning Authority.

The contribution sought is in accordance with Wicklow County Council's Development Contribution Scheme for the area in which the site is located and Section 48(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

Where the contribution remains unpaid the monies payable shall be updated in accordance with the Wholesale Price Index as published by the Central Statistics Office on the 1st January of each year following the date of the Final Grant.

Reason: The public infrastructure and facilities included in the Development Contribution Scheme will facilitate the development and it is considered reasonable that the developer should contribute towards the cost thereof.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the provisions of the Wicklow County Council Development Contribution Scheme 2015 (the scheme), the planning history of the site, and the nature of the proposed development, it is considered that the terms of the Wicklow County Council Development Contribution Scheme 2015 have not been properly applied, and the amendment of Condition number 2 would, therefore, be appropriate.

NOTE:

The Board considered that the proposed development would contribute to the consolidation and strengthening of the historical town centre and, therefore, applied the 10% reduction in accordance with Table 5.1 of the scheme.

Board Member:

John Connolly

Date: 07/02/2021