

Board Direction BD-007683-21 ABP-308427-20

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 11/03/2021.

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 East Cork Municipal District Local Area Plan 2017, the site is shown as lying within the settlement boundary around the village of Churchtown South and so in principle, there is no land use objection to its development to provide a dwelling house at this location. The proposed dwelling house would, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, be compatible with the visual and residential amenities of the area and it would afford an acceptable standard of amenity to future occupiers. Proposed access arrangements would be satisfactory, and no water or Appropriate Assessment issues would arise. The proposal would therefore accord 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, 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. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall enter into water connection agreement with Irish Water.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

 All surface water generated within the site boundaries shall be collected and disposed of within the curtilage of the site. No surface water from roofs, paved areas or otherwise shall discharge onto the public road or adjoining properties.

Reason: In the interest of traffic safety and to prevent pollution.

4. Roadside drainage arrangements for surface water shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

5. (a) The entrance to the proposed house shall be set back not less than 4m and not more than 6m from the edge of the public road. Wing walls forming the entrance shall be splayed at an angle of not less than 45 degrees and shall not exceed 1m in height.

The entrance shall be accompanied by visibility splays 50m in length from a set-back position of 2.4m along the centre line of the proposed access point from the edge of the local road. Within these splays no vegetation or structure shall exceed 1m in height.

Reason: In the interest of traffic safety.

6. (a) The treatment plant and polishing filter shall be located, constructed and maintained in accordance with the details submitted to the planning authority on the 31st day of July 2020, 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. No system other than the type proposed in the submissions shall be installed unless agreed in writing with the planning authority.

(b) Certification by the system manufacturer that the system has been properly installed shall be submitted to the planning authority within four weeks of the installation of the system.

(c) A maintenance contract for the treatment system shall be entered into and paid in advance for a minimum period of five years from the first occupancy of the dwelling house and thereafter shall be kept in place at all times. Signed and dated copies of the contract shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority within four weeks of the installation.

(d) Surface water soakaways shall be located such that the drainage from the dwelling and paved areas of the site shall be diverted away from the location of the polishing filter.

(e) 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 and that the polishing filter is constructed in accordance with the standards set out in the EPA document.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

7. The landscaping scheme shown on Drg no. P1002 Revision A, as submitted to the Planning Authority on the 31st day of July 2020, shall be carried out within the first planting season following substantial completion of external construction works. 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.

8. 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. The application of any indexation required by this condition 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.

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: 11/03/2021

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