

Board Direction BD-007920-21 ABP-308592-20

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 16/04/2021.

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

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the location of the flagpole within the curtilage of a dwelling within a built-up area, it is considered that the retention of the proposed structure would be incompatible with the residential function of the property, would significantly impact on the visual and residential amenity of adjoining residential properties and would be likely to create a noise nuisance for residents in the vicinity. The proposed development to be retained would, therefore, not be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission, the Board considered that permitting the retention of the flag pole within a residential area would not be appropriate and such structures were more suited to public or amenity buildings. Furthermore, the Board considered that, notwithstanding the proposed conditions to limit the days on which flags would be flown and on which the pole would remain in situ, there would still be a noise nuisance and visual impact in the immediate vicinity of the site, which would erode the character and amenity of the area.

Board Member

Date: 16/04/2021

Dave Walsh