

Board Direction BD-012344-23 ABP-312420-22

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 02/06/2023.

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

1. Having regard to the nature and scale of the proposed residential development, within the settlement boundary of the village of Coolboy, it is considered that, the proposal would be in accordance with the Wicklow County Development Plan 2022-2028, and subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity and would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application on the 16th day of August 2021, as amended by the further plans and particulars received on the 18th day of November 2021, 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 applicant or other person with an interest in the land to which the application relates, shall engage with the planning authority and comply with their requirements with regard to the restriction of occupancy for new housing in accordance with the Settlement Strategy for Level 7 Settlements as set out in Chapter 4 and Objective CPO 6.37 of the Wicklow County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Reason: To ensure that that development in the rural settlement is appropriately restricted and in the interest of proper planning and sustainable development.

 The developer shall engage with Irish Water prior to the commencement of development and shall comply with their requirements with regard to the proposed development.

Reason: In order to ensure a proper standard of development.

4. Water supply and drainage arrangements, including the attenuation and disposal of surface water, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services and shall be agreed in writing prior to the commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

5. The areas shown as public open space on the lodged plans shall be reserved for such use. The public open space shall be completed and fully landscaped before any of the dwellings are made available for occupation and shall be maintained as public open space by the developer.

Reason: In the interest of the amenities of the occupants of the proposed housing

 Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed dwellings shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity

 Public lighting shall be provided in accordance with a scheme, details of which shall be submitted to the planning authority for agreement prior to the commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of amenity and public safety.

8. All service cables associated with the proposed development (such as electrical, telecommunications and communal television) shall be located underground. Ducting shall be provided by the developer to facilitate the provision of broadband infrastructure within the proposed development. All existing over ground cables crossing or bounding the site shall be relocated underground as part of the site development works, at the developer's expense.

Reason: In the interests of visual and residential amenity.

9. The site access arrangements and the internal road network serving the proposed development, including turning bays, junctions, parking areas, footpaths and kerbs, shall be in accordance with the detailed requirements of the planning authority for such works. All residential parking spaces shall be constructed so as to be capable of accommodating future electric vehicle charging points with a minimum 10% of spaces to be fitted with functional electric vehicle charging points.

No occupation of the proposed dwellings shall commence until all required works have been completed to the written satisfaction of the Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interests of amenity and of pedestrian and traffic safety.

10. Prior to the commencement of any house in the development as permitted, the applicant or any person with an interest in the land shall enter into an agreement with the planning authority (such agreement must specify the

number and location of each house or duplex unit), pursuant to Section 47 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that restricts all houses and permitted, to first occupation by individual purchasers i.e. those not being a corporate entity, and/or by those eligible for the occupation of social and/or affordable housing, including cost rental housing.

Reason: To restrict new housing development to use by persons of a particular class or description in order to ensure an adequate choice and supply of housing, including affordable housing, in the common good.

11. 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.

12. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall lodge with the planning authority a cash deposit, a bond of an insurance company, or other security to secure the provision and satisfactory completion of roads, footpaths, watermains, drains, open space and other services required in connection with the development, coupled with an agreement empowering the local authority to apply such security or part thereof to the satisfactory completion of any part of the development. The form and amount of the

security shall be as agreed between the planning authority and the developer or, in default of agreement, shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

Reason: To ensure the satisfactory completion of the development.

13. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0800 to 1900 Mondays to Fridays inclusive, between 0800 to 1400 hours on Saturdays and not at all on Sundays and public holidays. Deviation from these times will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances where prior written approval has been received from the planning authority.

Reason: In order to safeguard the residential amenities of property in the vicinity.

14. The construction of the development shall be managed in accordance with a Construction Management Plan, which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This plan shall provide details of intended construction practice for the development, including hours of working, noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

Reason: In the interests of public safety and residential amenity.

15. A comprehensive boundary treatment and landscaping scheme shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority, prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

Board Member

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