

Board Direction BD-014763-23 ABP-312724-22

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 01/12/2023.

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

Having regard to the zoning which applied to the site under the Meath County

Development Plan, 2021 – 2027, under which residential development is stated to be generally acceptable in principle, subject to the conditions set out below the proposed development would be an appropriate form of development, would not seriously injure the character and visual amenities of the area, would not seriously injure the amenities of residential property in the vicinity and would be acceptable in terms of traffic and pedestrian safety. The proposed development would therefore be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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Conditions

1. 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 13th day of December 2021 and on the 22nd day of December 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. (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 [unless consent is granted by the planning authority for its occupation by other persons who belong to the same category of housing need as the applicant]. 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.

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3. The proposed domestic garage shall be used for purposes incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling and shall not be used for any commercial/trade/industrial or residential use shall be established therein.

Reason: In the interests of orderly development.

4. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0700 and 1800 Mondays to Fridays inclusive, between 0800 to 1300 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 amenities of properties in the vicinity.

5. That all necessary measures be taken by the contractor to prevent the spillage or deposit of clay, rubble, or other debris on adjoining roads during the course of the works.

Reason: To protect the amenities of the area.

6. Surface water drainage arrangements shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services.

Reason: In the interest of public health and surface water management.

- 7. The site shall be landscaped, using only indigenous deciduous trees and hedging species, in accordance with details which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This scheme shall include the following:
 - (a) the establishment of a hedgerow along all side and rear boundaries of the site, and
 - (b) the planting of trees at intervals along the [western, southern, and northern] boundaries of the site.

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

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of similar size and species, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the planning authority. Reason: In order to screen the development and assimilate it into the surrounding rural landscape, in the interest of visual amenity. 8. 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. 9. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed dwelling shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Roof colour shall be blue-black, black, dark brown or dark grey in colour only, the colour of the ridge tile shall be the same as the colour of the roof. The use of dry dash, brick or reconstituted stone shall not be permitted. Reason: In the interest of visual amenity. 10. (a) The proposed entrance shall be constructed as per the proposed site layout plan drawing no. 21014 002A, submitted on 13th December 2021. (b) Sight distance triangles shall be maintained and kept free from vegetation or other obstructions. Reason: In the interest of traffic safety. 11. The proposed site shall be laid out in accordance with the recommendations of the Archaeological Text Trenching Report and the proposed site layout plan drawing no. 21014 002A, submitted on 13th December 2021. Reason: In order to conserve the archaeological heritage of the area and to secure the preservation (in-situ or by record) and protection of any archaeological remains that may exist within the site. 12. (a) The proposed effluent treatment and disposal system shall be located. constructed and maintained in accordance with the details submitted to the planning authority [on the 4th day of June, 2021], and in accordance with

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the requirements of the document entitled "Code of Practice - Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems Serving Single Houses (p.e. ≤ 10)" – Environmental Protection Agency, 2021. 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.

13. 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 construction parking, hours of working, noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

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

14. The developer shall pay to the planning authority a financial contribution of 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

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