

Board Direction BD-015570-24 ABP-315956-23

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 27/02/2024.

The Board treated this case under section 48 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. The Board also decided that the planning authority be directed, as follows:

Attach condition No. 2

Reasons and Considerations,

Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, requires planning authorities to make development contribution schemes which provide for the payment of a contribution in respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefiting development in the area of the planning authority and that is provided, or that it is intended will be provided, by or on behalf of a local authority. The Board considered the totality of the file, the Board noted that the application was for retention of both works and use of a structure, and that Section 5.2 of the Wicklow County Council Development Contribution Scheme 2015 (updated 2021) states no exemptions/ reductions will be allowed for retention applications. The scheme also states that tourism related developments are treated in the commercial category and Table 4.3 states that commercial development is charged at the rate of €48.00/sq.m.

Having regard to the same and having regard to the proposed development which includes for the retention of an extension and the retention of use of an existing building for tourism purposes both of which cumulatively measure 70sq.m., then the contribution applicable to this development is 48 x 70 = €3360.00, being the contribution imposed under Condition No. 2.

The Board therefore directs that condition 2 be upheld.

Board Member: M. Herby

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Date: 28/02/2024

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