

Board Direction BD-015793-24 ABP-317628-23

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 07/03/2024.

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 policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027 including the written statement for Slane, the zoned and serviced nature of the back land site and the height and design of the proposed development, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the residential amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity, would not create a traffic hazard, and would constitute an acceptable form of development at this location. The proposed development 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, 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. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed buildings shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

3. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall enter into water and/or waste water connection agreements with Uisce Éireann.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

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.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

- 5. The construction of the development shall be managed in accordance with a Construction and Demolition 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 the following:
- (a) intended construction practice for the development, noise management measures, construction traffic management and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste, and

(b) protection measures to ensure the structural stability of the existing rubble stone boundary walls.

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

6. Notwithstanding the exempted development provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, and any statutory provision amending or replacing them, the use of the proposed development shall be restricted to commercial short-term holiday letting only (maximum of one month) and shall not be used as a permanent place of residence, unless otherwise authorised by a prior grant of planning permission.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

7. 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 amenities of property in the vicinity.

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. 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.

Note: The Board noted section 7.3.5 of the Inspector's report and, having regard to the overall design of the proposed development including the separation distances from opposing windows at first floor level, and taking into account the fact that the roof of the single storey proposed kitchen/living/dining area and proposed vegetation in the private amenity area would partially obscure views between opposing first floor windows, considered that significant negative impacts on existing residential amenity as a result of overlooking would not occur. Hence the Board considered that the Inspector's recommended condition regarding privacy fins or screens was not required.

Board Member

Date: 11/03/2024