

Board Direction BD-016672-24 ABP-318048-23

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 18/06/2024.

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 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029, and all material considerations, it is considered that the applicant has demonstrated a local housing need and that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would be in accordance with the zoning objective for the site, would not detract from the visual amenity of the area, would provide an acceptable standard of residential amenity for the prospective residents, would not seriously injure the residential amenity of surrounding properties, and would not endanger public safety by reason of access, traffic generation, drainage proposals, or otherwise. 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

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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 ten 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.

3. The external finish and design detail of the dwelling shall be as shown on the plans date stamped received by the planning authority on the 3rd day of July 2023. The roof of the proposed dwelling shall be blue/black slates or tiles.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

4. 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) planting of trees along the western, southern, eastern and northern boundaries of the site.

All trees and shrubs shall be from table 15.1 (a) native trees and shrubs from the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029. The planting scheme shall be carried out in full no later than the first planting season after the first occupation of the dwelling.

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 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.

5. The applicant shall enter into water and wastewater connection agreements with Uisce Éireann prior to the commencement of development and adhere to the standards and conditions set out in that agreement.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

6. (a) The proposed septic tank drainage system shall be in accordance with the standards set out in the document entitled "Code of Practice - Wastewater"

Treatment and Disposal Systems Serving Single Houses (p.e. ≤ 10)" – Environmental Protection Agency, 2021.

- (b) Treated effluent from the septic tank system shall be discharged to a raised percolation area which shall be provided in accordance with the standards set out in the document entitled "Code of Practice - Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems Serving Single Houses (p.e. ≤ 10)" – Environmental Protection Agency, 2021.
- (c) 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 raised percolation area is constructed in accordance with the standards set out in the EPA document.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

7. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0700 to 1800 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.

8. Drainage arrangements, including the attenuation and disposal of surface water, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services. Surface water from the site shall not be permitted to drain onto the adjoining public road.

Reason: In the interest of traffic safety.

9. 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.

Board Member

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