

An  
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**Board Direction**  
**BD-019381-25**  
**ABP-319113-24**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 31/03/2025.

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 policy objective CPO6.41 and Table 6.3 of the Wicklow County Development Plan 2022-2028, the documentation submitted with the application and appeal, and the nature and scale of the proposed development incorporating a reduction in ridge height compared to a previous application, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development will not seriously injure the character of the area, or the visual amenities of the area and would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience. It is considered that the proposed development is in the interests of 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 August, 2023 and on 24th November, 2023 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 her 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 (as amended) 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 mortgage 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 in the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

3. The existing container on site is to be removed prior to the commencement of development.

**Reason:** In the interests of orderly development.

4. (a) All surface water generated within the site boundaries shall be collected and disposed of within the curtilage of the site. No surface water from roofs, paved areas or otherwise shall discharge onto the public road or adjoining properties. (b) The access driveway to the proposed development shall be



provided with adequately sized pipes or ducts to ensure that no interference will be caused to existing roadside drainage.

**Reason:** In the interest of traffic safety and to prevent pollution.

5. (a) The septic tank/wastewater treatment system hereby permitted shall be installed in accordance with the recommendations included within the site characterisation report submitted with this application on 16th August, 2023 and shall be in accordance with the standards set out in the document entitled "Code of Practice - Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems (Population Equivalent  $\leq 10$ )" – Environmental Protection Agency, 2021. (b) Treated effluent from the septic tank/ wastewater treatment system shall be discharged to a percolation area/ polishing filter which shall be provided in accordance with the standards set out in the document entitled "Code of Practice - Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems (Population Equivalent  $\leq 10$ )" – Environmental Protection Agency, 2021. (c) Within three months of the first occupation of the dwelling, the developer shall submit a report to the planning authority from a suitably qualified person (with professional indemnity insurance) certifying that the septic tank/ wastewater treatment system and associated works is constructed and operating in accordance with the standards set out in the Environmental Protection Agency document referred to above. **Reason:** In the interest of public health and to prevent water pollution.
6. The construction of the site entrance, including: the setting back of the existing roadside site boundary; the provision of a new roadside boundary; provision of adequate sight lines in both directions from the entrance; the treatment of the area between the new boundary and edge of the roadway; the tie-in to the public road, and surface water drainage proposals for the site frontage, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall submit to, and agree in writing with, the planning authority, detailed design proposals to comply with this condition.

**Reason:** In the interest of traffic safety and visual amenity.

7. All public service cables for the development, including electrical and telecommunications cables, shall be located underground throughout the site.

**Reason:** In the interests of visual amenity.

8. 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 establishment of a hedgerow along all side and rear boundaries of the site, and planting of trees along the 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 of similar size and species, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the planning authority.

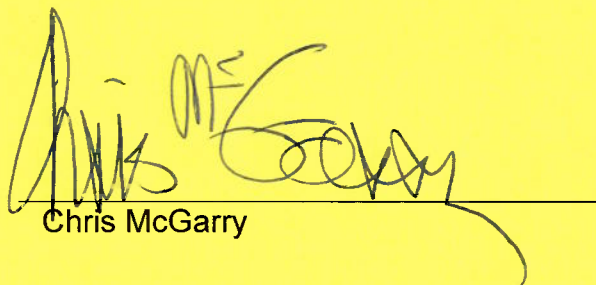
**Reason:** In order to screen the development and assimilate it into the surrounding rural landscape, in the interest of visual amenity.



9. The developer shall pay to the planning authority a financial contribution in respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefiting development in the ABP-319113-24 Inspector's Report Page 27 of 45 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**



Chris McGarry

**Date:** 03/04/2025