

Board Direction BD-018004-24 ABP-319725-24

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 29/10/2024.

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 provisions of the Wexford County Development Plan 2022-2028, the planning history including permitted development and the nature and scale of the 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, would not result in traffic hazard and would not unduly impact the visual amenities of the area. 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, as amended by the further plans and particulars submitted to the planning authority, 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

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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 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 in the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

- (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 and shall be in accordance with the standards set out in the document entitled "Code of Practice Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems (Population Equivalent ≤ 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 ≤ 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.

- 4. (a) The roof colour of the proposed house shall be blue-black, black, dark brown or dark-grey. The colour of the ridge tile shall be the same as the colour of the roof.
 - **(b)** The external walls shall be finished in neutral colours such as grey or off-white.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

5. The proposed development shall be landscaped within the first planting season

following substantial completion of external construction works, in accordance

with the Landscaping Specification and Landscaping Plan lodged with the

application.

All planting shall be adequately protected from damage until established. 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 the interest of residential and visual amenity.

6. (a) Full visibility shall be made available for 65 metres on either side of the

entrance from a point 2 metres back in from the edge of the road carriageway.

(b) The area between the road carriageway and the revised boundary shall be

finished 200-300 mm above carriageway level and finished in grass.

Reason: In the interests of traffic safety.

7. (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 flooding or pollution.

Board Member

Date: 29/10/2024