

An
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Pleanála

Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 21/02/2025.

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 the provisions of the Longford County Development Plan 2021-2027, the location of the site in an area categorised as 'Rural Areas Elsewhere' and the characteristics of the site and the surrounding area, it is considered that subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would comply with County Policy Objectives CPO 4.26, CPO 4.27, and CPO 4.28 and would not lead to an excessive density of rural housing in the area, detract from the landscape character of the area and would be acceptable in relation to traffic safety and convenience. 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 received by the planning authority on the 28th day of November, 2023 and on the 13th day of May, 2024, 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 their heirs, and shall remain so occupied for a period of at least seven years thereafter. 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.

(c) 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.

- 3.(a) The roof colour of the proposed house and garage 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.

- 4. (a) The entrance gates to the proposed house shall be set back not less than four metres and not more than six metres from the edge of the public road. Wing walls forming the entrance shall be splayed at an angle of not less than 45 degrees and shall not exceed one metre in height.

- (b) The existing front boundary hedge shall be retained except to the extent that its removal is necessary to provide for the entrance to the site. No walls, other than wing walls forming the entrance, shall be constructed to form the boundary of the site.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

- 5. (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.

- (c) The area of ground between the edge of the existing public road and the line of the new boundary wall/fence shall be filled with a minimum depth of 450 millimetres suitable granular material and capped with clause 804 granular material type B, to a minimum depth of 200 millimetres, properly compacted. This filling should slope away from the existing road edge at a minimum slope of 2.5% and particular care should be taken to ensure that the storm water runoff from the area and the adjoining public road is

disposed of properly to an adjoining watercourse. This entire area shall be surfaced with a final layer of material to the relevant Transport Infrastructure Ireland standards. Any utility poles exposed shall be relocated to a position adjoining the new front boundary at the developer's expense.

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

6. 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,
 - (b) planting of trees at intervals along the boundaries of the site, and
 - (c) a timeframe for implementation

Any plants, trees or hedging 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, and to comply with Section DMS16.93 of the development plan.

7. (a) The wastewater treatment system hereby permitted shall be installed in accordance with the recommendations included within the site characterisation report submitted with this application on 11th day of October 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 ≤ 10)" – Environmental Protection Agency, 2021.

- (b) Treated effluent from the 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 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.

- 8. Prior to the commencement of development the developer shall enter into a connection agreement with Uisce Éireann to provide for a service connection to the public water supply.


Reason: In the interest of public health and to ensure adequate water facilities.

- 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


Marie O'Connor

Date: 21/02/2025