

Direction CD-020960-25 ABP-320882-24

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 14/10/2025.

The Commission decided to grant permission generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations, and subject to the following conditions.

Planning

Commissioner:

Paul Caprani

Date: 14/10/2025

DRAFT WORDING FOR ORDER

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the nature of the proposed development, the 'Town Core' zoning objective of the site which permits residential development in principle together with the design and layout of the proposed development, it is considered that, subject to the conditions set out below, the proposed development would be acceptable in terms of standard of residential amenity, and achieving town centre regeneration and vitality, the proposed development therefore would not seriously injure the amenities of the area, and would otherwise be in accordance with the provisions of the Longford County Development Plan 2021-2027, and the Sustainable Urban Housing:

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Design Standards for New Apartments, Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2023). The subject 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. Prior to the commencement of the development, the developer shall submit revised drawings for written agreement of the Planning Authority showing the following amendments;
 - a. The applicant shall agree in writing with the planning authority details of proposed natural illumination to serve each of the bathroom at third floor level.
 - b. Inclusion of a 1.8-metre-high solid screen on the southwest elevation of proposed balconies serving apartment unit no. 3, apartment unit no. 7 and apartment unit no. 10, and on the northwest elevation of proposed balconies serving apartment unit no. 2, apartment unit no. 6 and apartment unit no. 9.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity and the protection of established amenities.

3. The disposal of surface water shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall submit details for the disposal of surface water from the site for the written agreement of the planning authority.

Reason: To prevent flooding and in the interests of sustainable drainage.

4. Prior to the commencement of development the developer shall enter into a Connection Agreement (s) with Uisce Éireann (Irish Water) to provide for a service connection(s) to the public water supply and/or wastewater collection network.

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

5. The management and maintenance of the proposed development following its completion shall be the responsibility of a legally constituted management company. A management scheme providing adequate measures for the future maintenance of external landscaped space and communal areas shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: To provide for the satisfactory future maintenance of this development in the interest of residential amenity.

Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the
proposed building shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the
planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity and to ensure an appropriate high standard of development.

7. Proposals for apartment numbering scheme and associated signage shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to

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commencement of development. Thereafter, all street signs, and apartment numbers, shall be provided in accordance with the agreed scheme. No advertisements/marketing signage relating to the name(s) of the development shall be erected until the developer has obtained the planning authority's written agreement to the proposed name(s).

Reason: In the interest of urban legibility.

8. Site development works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0700 to 1900 Mondays to Friday 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.

9. A Construction and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to the commencement of development. The CEMP shall include but not be limited to construction phase controls for dust, noise and vibration, waste management, site housekeeping, emergency response planning, site environmental policy, and project roles and responsibilities.

Reason: In the interest of environmental protection, residential amenities, public health and safety and environmental protection.

10. A plan containing details for the management of waste (and, in particular, recyclable materials) within the development, including the provision of facilities for the storage, separation and collection of the waste and, in particular, recyclable materials within each duplex and apartment unit shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Thereafter, the agreed waste facilities shall be maintained and waste shall be managed in accordance with the agreed plan.

Reason: To provide for the appropriate management of waste and, in particular recyclable materials, in the interest of protecting the environment.

11. The external communal space shall be landscaped in accordance with a comprehensive scheme of landscaping, details of which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of residential and visual amenity.

12. 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.

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