



An  
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Pleanála

**Board Direction**  
**BD-018893-25**  
**ABP-321048-24**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 11/02/2025.

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 Louth County Development Plan, 2021-2027, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development meets the qualifying criteria for a rural house in this location, would not detract from the visual amenity of the area, and would not endanger public safety or convenience by reason of traffic generation. 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 in accordance with the plans and particulars submitted with the planning application except as may be otherwise required by the following conditions.

**Reason:** To clarify the plans and particulars for which permission is granted.

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 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 existing front boundary hedge shall be retained except to the extent that its removal is necessary to provide for the entrance to the site. A schedule of landscape maintenance shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to occupation of the development. The schedule shall cover a period of at least three years and shall include details of the arrangements for its implementation.

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

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 flooding or pollution.

5)

- 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 22nd August 2024 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 wastewater treatment system shall be discharged to a 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 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)

- a) The entrance gates to the proposed house shall be set back not less than 5.5 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 1.5 metre in height.

- b) Details of the sight lines in the response to the appeal received by the Board on the 10th of November 2024, including the necessary consent shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to the commencement of development.

**Reason:** In the interest of traffic safety.

- 7) 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.



[**Note:** The Board noted the applicant's response to the appeal, received by the Board on the 10th of November 2024, and the proposal therein to construct a layby within the family lands along the cul-de-sac. However, the Board had regard to the modest traffic that would be generated along this short section of the cul-de-sac and considered that a layby in this instance would not be warranted. The Inspectors Condition 6(b) was therefore modified to reflect this.]

**Board Member**

  
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**Date:** 12/02/2025