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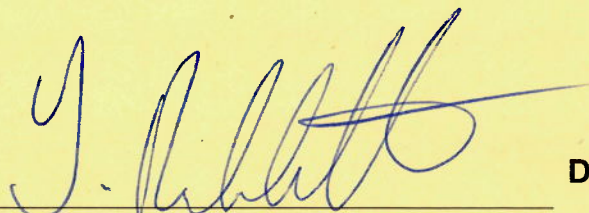
The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 17/10/2025.

The Commission decided, by majority decision 2:1, to grant permission generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations, and subject to the following conditions.

(Direction to issue with Order.)

Planning

Commissioner:


Tom Rabbette

Date: 20/10/2025

DRAFT WORDING FOR ORDER

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the existing pattern of development in the area, the location and setting of the site within the designated settlement boundary for Frenchpark, which is identified as a 'serviced village' according to the Core Strategy and Settlement Policy under the Roscommon County Development Plan 2022-2028, and as a settlement that is serviced by public sewerage with the capacity to facilitate a degree of residential demand, and to the relevant policies, objectives and development standards, in particular Policy Objectives Frenchpark DO 1, TV 4.1 and TV 4.2, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the residential or visual amenities

of the area or of property in the vicinity, is appropriate in terms of design, scale and layout and consistent with the established built character of the vicinity, and that it would provide an acceptable standard of amenity for future residents. 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 7th day of January 2025 and the 1st day of May 2025, 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 development, the developer shall submit a revised site layout plan for the written agreement of the planning authority, which correctly corresponds with the submitted floor plans and elevations for House Types A and B as received by the planning authority on the 7th day of January 2025.

Reason: In the interest of the clarity.

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

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

4. 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, protection of soils, groundwaters, and surface waters, 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.

5. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer or any agent acting on its behalf, shall prepare a Resource Waste Management Plan (RWMP) as set out in the EPA's Best Practice Guidelines for the Preparation of Resource and Waste Management Plans for Construction and Demolition Projects (2021) including demonstration of proposals to adhere to best practice and protocols. The RWMP shall include specific proposals as to how the RWMP will be measured and monitored for effectiveness; these details shall be placed on the file and retained as part of the public record. The RWMP must be submitted to the planning authority for written agreement prior to the commencement of development. All records (including for waste and all resources) pursuant to the agreed RWMP shall be made available for inspection at the site office at all times.

Reason: In the interest of proper planning and sustainable development.

6. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall agree in writing all vehicular and pedestrian access arrangements with the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of pedestrian and traffic safety.

7. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall enter into a connection agreement with Uisce Éireann to provide for a service connection(s) to the wastewater collection network.

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

8. Drainage arrangements, including the disposal of surface water, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services. Details of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) measures shall be submitted to the planning authority for written agreement prior to the commencement of construction.

Reason: In the interest of sustainable drainage and public health.

9. Public lighting shall be provided in accordance with a scheme which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with the planning authority, prior to the commencement of development. The scheme shall include lighting along pedestrian routes and open spaces and shall take account of trees. Such lighting shall be provided prior to the making available for occupation of any residential unit.

Reason: In the interest of amenity and public safety.

10. All of the in-curtilage car parking spaces serving residential units shall be provided with electric connections to the exterior of the houses to allow for the provision of future electric vehicle charging points. Details of how it is proposed to comply with these requirements shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of sustainable transportation.

11. The boundary treatment and landscaping scheme shown on drawing number boundary treatment layout plan, drawing number 01, as submitted to the

planning authority on the 1st day of May, 2025 shall be carried out within the first planting season following substantial completion of external construction works. In addition to the proposals in the submitted scheme, the following shall be carried out:

All rear gardens shall be bounded by block walls between 1.2 and 2 metres in height, capped and rendered on both sides. Alternative boundary treatments shall otherwise be agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

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 or until the development is taken in charge by the local authority, whichever is the sooner, 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.

12. Proposals for an estate name, house numbering scheme and associated signage shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Thereafter, all estate and street signs, and house numbers, shall be provided in accordance with the agreed scheme. The proposed name(s) shall be based on local historical or topographical features, or other alternatives acceptable to the planning authority. 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 and to ensure the use of locally appropriate placenames for new residential areas.

13. The management and maintenance of the proposed development following its completion shall be the responsibility of a legally constituted management company, or by the local authority in the event of the development being taken in charge. Detailed proposals in this regard shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: To ensure the satisfactory completion and maintenance of this development.

14. All service cables associated with the proposed development (such as electrical, telecommunications and communal television) shall be located underground. Ducting shall be provided by the developer to facilitate the provision of broadband infrastructure within the proposed development. Details of the ducting shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the planning authority prior to the commencement of development. Any existing overground cables shall be relocated underground as part of the site development works.

Reason: In the interest of visual and residential amenity.

15. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0700 to 1800 Mondays to Fridays 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 residential amenities of property in the vicinity.

16. The developer shall pay a financial contribution to the planning authority as a special contribution under Section 48(2)(c) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, in respect of the provision of a signalised/controlled pedestrian crossing on the public road/footpath of the R-361 regional road that serves this site which benefits the proposed development. The precise siting of said controlled pedestrian crossing shall be determined by the planning

authority. Roscommon County Council. The amount of the contribution shall be agreed between the planning authority and the developer or, in default of such agreement, the matter shall be referred to An Coimisiún Pleanála for determination. The contribution shall be paid prior to commencement of development or in such phased payments as may be agreed prior to the commencement of the development, and shall be subject to any applicable indexation provisions of the Scheme at the time of payment. Details of the terms of payment of this financial contribution shall be agreed in writing between the planning authority and the developer.

Reason: It is considered reasonable that the developer should contribute towards the specific exceptional costs which are incurred by the planning authority in respect of public services, which are not covered in the Development Contribution Scheme or the Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme and which will benefit the proposed development.

17. The developer shall pay to the planning authority a financial contribution in respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefitting 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 the 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 developers or, in default of such agreement, the matter shall be referred to An Coimisiún 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.

18. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall lodge with the planning authority a cash deposit, a bond of an insurance company, or other security to secure the provision and satisfactory completion and maintenance until taken in charge by the local authority of roads, footpaths, watermains, drains, public open space and other services required in connection with the development, coupled with an agreement empowering the local authority to apply such security or part thereof to the satisfactory completion or maintenance of any part of the development. The form and amount of the security shall be as agreed between the planning authority and the developer or, in default of agreement, shall be referred to An Coimisiún Pleanála for determination.

Reason: To ensure the satisfactory completion and maintenance of the development until taken in charge.