

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 30 January 2026.

The Commission decided to grant permission generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, subject to the amendments shown in manuscript on the attached copy of the draft order

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the objectives of the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines (2005) and the Wicklow County Development Plan 2022-2028 which permits single dwellings in the open countryside in accordance with the criteria set out under Objective CPO6.41, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development and development to be retained would be compatible with rural settlement policy, and would not injure the visual and residential amenities of the area and would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience. The proposed development and development to be retained would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. The proposed development and development to be retained 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 16th day of April 2025 and on the 15th day of August 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 proposed development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. The extent of the permission relating to the access road shall extend to providing access to the house only and shall exclude the roadway beyond the righthand turn serving the dwelling house. The roadway beyond the righthand turn serving the dwelling and shed is not included in this grant of permission.

Reason: To clarify the extent of the permission granted.

3. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to 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 and to ensure an appropriate high standard of development.

4. 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, as amended, 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.

5. The wastewater treatment system hereby permitted shall be installed in accordance with the recommendations included in the site characterisation report submitted with the application and shall be in accordance with the standards set out in the document "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.

6. 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.

7. The site shall be landscaped using only indigenous deciduous trees and hedging species in accordance with a planting/landscape design scheme to be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to the commencement of development.

(b) The existing shrub and tree vegetation on the site shall be retained, except to the extent that its removal is necessary to provide for the entrance to the site. 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.

8. Development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0700 to 1900 Mondays to Fridays, inclusive, between 0800 to 1400 hours on

Saturdays and not at all on Sundays or public holidays. Deviation from these times shall 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.

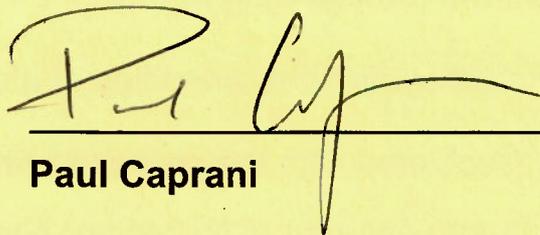
9. Service cables associated with the proposed development (such as electrical, telecommunications and communal television) shall be 'located underground.

Reason: in the interest of visual and residential amenity.

10. 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 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.

Planning Commissioner:



Paul Caprani

Date:

30th day of January 2026