



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Commission Direction
CD-000102
PL-500231-CK-25

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 12 February 2026.

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:

Patricia Calleary

Date:

12th day of February 2026

DRAFT WORDING FOR ORDER

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to Objective RP 5-4 (Rural Area under Strong Urban Influence and Town Greenbelts (GB 1-1)) and development standards of the Cork County

Development Plan 2022-2028, specifically to Objective RP 5-22 and Section 5.6.5 as they relate to the nature, scale and design of the proposed development and to the existing pattern of development in the wider area, it is considered that subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development is an acceptable form of development at this location, would not seriously injure the amenities of adjoining properties, and 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 information received by the planning authority on the 16th day of September 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. The site 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. This scheme shall include the following:

(a) A plan to scale of not less than [1:500] showing –

- (1) The proposed vehicle entrance and roadside walls shall be carried out in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the Planning Authority on 16th day of September, 2025. The retaining wall shall be supplemented with the introduction of some low-level native hedgerow along the roadside boundary of the site. The existing roadside verge shall remain unobstructed by vegetation.
- (2) Proposals to enhance the northern site boundary with additional hedgerow screening. Details of screen planting (which shall not include *Cupressocyparis x leylandii*) shall be submitted.
- (3) The species, variety, number, size and locations of all proposed trees and shrubs [which shall comprise predominantly native species such as mountain ash, birch, willow, sycamore, pine, oak, hawthorn, holly, hazel, beech or alder] [which shall not include *Prunus* species]

(b) A timescale for implementation

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.

3. (a) The wastewater treatment system units hereby permitted shall be installed in accordance with the recommendations included within the site characterisation report submitted with this application 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 systems 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 Wastewater 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 systems and associated works are 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.

4. Attach standard surface water condition.

5. Attach standard water condition

6. The garage shall only be used for the purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling house only. Garage shall not be used as residential living, commercial or for business purposes.

Reason: To ensure the garage is not used for residential living, commercial or business purposes and to also ensure the residential amenity of nearby occupiers is preserved.

7. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes, including a sample, if required, of the proposed timber cladding, 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.

8. All public services to the permitted development, including electrical, telephone cables and associated equipment shall be located underground throughout the entire site.

Reason: In the interest of amenity

9. Site 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 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: To safeguard the amenity of property in the vicinity.

10. (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

11. 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.