# An Bord Pleanála



## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2015

## Wicklow County

### Planning Register Reference Number: 15/863

An Bord Pleanála Reference Number: PL 27.245991

**APPEAL** by Thomas McGrath of 25 Main Street, Rathdrum, County Wicklow against the decision made on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015 by Wicklow County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to John Smith care of Padraig Smith of Redhouse, Market Square, Wicklow Town, County WIcklow.

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** Retention works to boundary wall and original stone shed walls, including retention of reconstruction works to storage shed together with minor enhancements to completion, all at the rear of 27 Main Street, Rathdrum, County Wicklow (the works are adjacent to Saint Saviour's Church which is a protected structure (reference number 30-17) and appurtenant to its attendant grounds.

## DECISION

**REFUSE** permission for the above proposed development based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

## MATTERS CONSIDERED

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard. Such matters included any submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.

#### **REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS**

Having regard to the relationship of the stone shed to the boundary wall which encloses the graveyard associated with St. Saviour's Church, and by reason of the design and materials used in the subject development, it is considered that the development for which retention has been sought would have a material and adverse impact on the character and setting of this important historic building which is identified in the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage as being of regional importance and which is included in the Record of Protected Structures under the provisions of the Wicklow County Development Plan 2010 – 2016 (ref. 30-17). The development proposed for retention would materially contravene objective RPS2 of the Wicklow County Council Development Plan 2010-2016, and would seriously injure the visual setting of the protected structure. The development proposed for retention would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Member of An Bord Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Board.

Dated this day of 2016.