

An Bord Pleanála



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2015

Kerry County

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APPEAL by Michael J. Horgan, Lakes and Rivers of Kerry of 2 Upper Cloonbeg, Tralee, County Kerry against the decision made on the 7th day of March, 2016 by Kerry County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Roger Harman and Aoife Fleming care of Reeks Consulting Engineers of Rock Road, Killarney, County Kerry in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Construction of a dwellinghouse complete with a new wastewater treatment system consisting of a treatment plant and sand polishing filter at Gortagullane, Muckcross, Killarney, County Kerry.

DECISION

GRANT permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the said plans and particulars based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the conditions 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 nature, scale and design of the proposed dwelling and to the existing pattern of development in the vicinity of the site, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the amenities of adjoining dwellings or the visual or other amenities of the area, would not be prejudicial to public health and would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to refuse permission, the Board noted the nature of the local road network serving the site, but considered that the character of the existing network forces vehicles to proceed in a slow and cautious manner. Furthermore, the Board considered that the proposed development would generate significant additional traffic turning movements. In these circumstances, the Board did not share the Planning Inspector's conclusions in relation to her first recommended reason for refusal. Notwithstanding the existing concentration of dwellings in the vicinity of the site, the Board noted that the site is located downstream of Lough Guitane. The Board noted that the septic tank serving the existing dwelling is to be upgraded and considered that the overall impact of the proposed development on the existing concentration of septic tanks at this location would be marginal in nature and considered that the proposed development could be accommodated without prejudice to public health. Accordingly, the Board did not share the Planning Inspector's conclusion in relation to her recommended second reason for refusal.

CONDITIONS

1. The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, 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. (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. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed dwelling 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. Water supply and drainage arrangements, including the disposal of surface water, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works.

Reason: To ensure adequate servicing of the development, and to prevent pollution.

5. (a) The proposed effluent treatment and disposal system shall be located, constructed and maintained in accordance with the details submitted to the planning authority on the 12th day of January, 2016, and in accordance with the requirements of the document entitled “Code of Practice - Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems Serving Single Houses (p.e. ≤ 10)” - Environmental Protection Agency, 2009. Arrangements in relation to the ongoing maintenance of the system shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.
- (b) Within three months of the first occupation of the dwelling, the developer shall submit a report from a suitably qualified person with professional indemnity insurance certifying that the proprietary effluent treatment system has been installed and commissioned in accordance with the approved details and is working in a satisfactory manner in accordance with the standards set out in the Environmental Protection Agency document.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

6. All public service cables for the development, including electrical and telecommunications cables, shall be located underground throughout the site.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

7. The site shall be landscaped, using only indigenous deciduous trees and hedging species, in accordance with details which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Any plants 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. 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 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 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.

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

Dated this day of 2016.