

An Bord Pleanála



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2015

Monaghan County

Planning Register Reference Number: 16/19

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APPEAL by Joe Duffy of Annalitten, Castleblayney, County Monaghan against the decision made on the 21st day of March, 2016 by Monaghan County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Muckno Parish Finance and Property Committee care of Mullarky Pedersen Architects of Rod Dor Studio, 23 Hawkin Street, Derry City in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: The erection of wc accommodation and a strong room to the south of the existing sanctuary area and adjustments to the sanctuary. This application is further to the application for works that have already received permission under planning register reference number 13/40004, all at Saint Mary's Church (a protected structure), Dublin Road, Castleblayney, County Monaghan.

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

The proposed works to the protected structure Saint Mary's Church are considered to be a proportionate response to changing liturgical practice which comply with the current and historic role of the protected structure as a place of public worship for the community. Having regard to the provisions of section 57(6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 with respect to the duty to respect liturgical requirements and Chapter 5 of the "Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities" issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in 2004, it is considered that the proposed development, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, would not adversely affect the fabric of the protected structure 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, 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 proposed structural glass wall and ceiling to the rear of the altar shall be omitted from the proposed development.

Reason: To maintain the integrity of the protected structure

3. (1) A conservation expert shall be employed to manage, monitor and implement the works on the site and to ensure adequate protection of the retained and historic fabric of the protected structure during the works. In this regard, all permitted works shall be designed to cause minimum interference to the fabric of the church.
- (2) All works to the protected structure shall be carried out in accordance with best conservation practice as detailed in the application and the "Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities" issued by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government in 2004.
- (3) All existing original features, including interior and exterior fittings/features, joinery and plasterwork, shall be protected during the course of the works.

Reason: To ensure that the integrity of the retained structures is maintained and that the structures are protected from unnecessary damage or loss of fabric.

4. The external finishes of the proposed extension shall harmonise with the those of the existing church in terms of colour, texture and detail.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity and to maintain the integrity of the protected structure

5. Water supply and drainage arrangements, including the disposal of surface water, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services.

Reason: In the interest of public health

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

Dated this day of 2016.