

An Bord Pleanála



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2015

Sligo County

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APPEAL by Kieran McDonagh care of LiD Architecture of Thorn Road Letterkenny, County Donegal against the decision made on the 30th day of June, 2016 by Sligo County Council to refuse permission.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Construction of a “Honey House” (60 square metres agricultural building to be used for the extraction and storage of honey), an effluent treatment system and percolation area, and all associated site works at Breeoge, Knocknahur, Sligo.

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

It is the policy of the planning authority: to protect the physical landscape and visual character of County Sligo (reference: policy P-LCAP-3), to protect the historic and archaeological landscapes of County Sligo (reference: policy P-LCAP-4), and to protect and enhance the visual qualities of rural areas through the sensitive design of necessary development (reference: policy P-LCAP-5), as indicated in the Sligo County Development Plan 2011-2017. These policies are considered reasonable. The Board is not satisfied, based on information submitted with the application and in the grounds of appeal, that the existing and proposed beekeeping activities at this location warrants or justifies a development of the scale and nature proposed. Furthermore, having regard to the processes proposed to be accommodated in the 'honey house', it is considered that development of the type proposed would be more appropriately located within a designated development centre on suitably zoned and serviced land. The applicant has failed to demonstrate that the proposed development is a necessary development in this rural area which is outside of a designated development centre and in an area of international archaeological importance, the Cuil Irra Peninsula. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the above-mentioned policies and would 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.