

An Bord Pleanála



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2017

Wicklow County

Planning Register Reference Number: 16/18

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APPEAL Pat and Marion Cooke care of Jim Brogan Planning and Development Consultant of Unit B1 Laurel Lodge Business Centre, Laurel Lodge, Castleknock, Dublin against the decision made on the 8th day of September, 2016 by Wicklow County Council to refuse permission.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Retention of 17 number outdoor pistol shooting bays, their use for that purpose, and the earthen berms which enclose them (total area: 1.98 hectares); a total of five number clay pigeon stands and the use of those stands and the adjacent sporting shooting area for clay pigeon shooting and the earthen berms which enclose them (total area: 0.6 hectare); the earthen berms which enclose the 'compact shotgun shooting area' (authorised by the grant of permission for planning register reference number 02/7261); the two number shotgun shooting shelters (total area: 273 square metres) within the permitted shotgun shooting area; the change of use of a silage pit to an indoor pistol range (total area: 268 square metres); a 50 metre rifle range, including a rifle range shelter (total area 0.10 hectare) and the continued use of the 'canteen' building as an agricultural storage shed and permission for extension and increase in height of the lower sections of the existing earthen berms to the same height circa six metres as the adjoining earthen berms; modifications to the shooting shelters in the permitted shotgun shooting area to reduce the noise levels emanating therefrom; the opening of a new vehicular entrance onto the R765 circa 21 metres to the west of the existing entrance; modification of the existing entrance reducing it to 1.5 metres for the use of pedestrians/cyclists/horseriders only and the installation of a new biocycle effluent treatment system together with all associated site works at Hilltop Sporting Club, Tithewer, Newtownmountkennedy, County Wicklow.

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 location of the site on a hill-top setting and the immediate landscape characteristics, the established background noise level (LA90) in this rural area, the nature of the noise activity related to the subject development, which would have an impulsive impact, and the relative close proximity of the established residential properties it is considered that the proposed mitigation measures, as demonstrated in the current application, would not adequately protect the established residential amenities in the local area. The development to be retained and the development proposed to be carried out would, therefore, seriously injure the amenities, or depreciate the value of property in the vicinity and as such 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 2017.