

Board Order PL 05E.248118

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2017

Planning Authority: Donegal County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 16/51785

Appeal by Saint Catherine's Well Committee care of Saint Catherine's, Fintra Road, Killybegs, County Donegal and by Killybegs History and Heritage Committee care of Patricia Murrin of Roscorkin, Killybegs, County Donegal against the decision made on the 9th day of February, 2017 by Donegal County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Sinbad Marine Services Limited care of Jennings O'Donovan and Partners of Finsklin, Sligo.

Proposed Development: Construction of a two-storey building in connection with marine related activity at Killybegs. The building will have approximately 303 square metres of office accommodation at first floor level and approximately 303 square metres of storage at ground level. The proposed development will be accessed from the new access roadway (permitted under planning register reference number 10/20458) adjacent to the harbour authority car park, within the Killybegs Fishery Harbour Centre. The development will include site reduction of approximately four metres in height, landscaping and associated site works, all on site approximately 130 metres south of the location in Glebe Townland, Killybegs, County Donegal.

Decision

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development in accordance with 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, within a Zone of Archaeological Potential and adjacent to recorded archaeological monuments comprising the historic town of Killybegs, the upstanding remains of Cat Castle, Saint Catherine's Holy Well and Saint Catherine's Church, the Board was not satisfied that the proposed development would not unduly interfere with the scenic character of the landscape and that it would not visually intrude upon, and inhibit the enjoyment of, the Zone of the aforementioned cultural heritage sites. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the provisions of the Donegal County Development Plan and 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

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