

Board Order PL 06S.248256

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2017

Planning Authority: South Dublin County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: SD17A/0004

Appeal by Martin McNulty care of Kiaran O'Malley and Company Limited of Saint Heliers, Saint Heliers Copse, Stillorgan Park, Blackrock, County Dublin against the decision made on the 2nd day of March, 2017 by South Dublin County Council to refuse outline permission.

Proposed Development: Construction of a two-storey detached dwelling (circa 200 square metres), a garage and an on-site proprietary waste water treatment system at Newcastle Golf Centre, Peamount Lane, Newcastle, County Dublin.

Decision

REFUSE outline 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

1. Having regard to the location of the site within an "Area Under Strong Urban Influence" as identified in Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in April 2005 and in an area where housing is restricted to persons demonstrating local need in accordance with the South Dublin County Development Plan 2016-2022, it is considered that the applicant does not come within the scope of the housing need criteria as set out in the Guidelines or the development plan for a house at this location. The proposed development, in the absence of any identified locally based need for the house, would contribute to the encroachment of random rural development in the area, would militate against the preservation of the rural environment and the efficient provision of public services and infrastructure and would be contrary to the Ministerial Guidelines. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

2. It is the policy of the planning authority as set out in the current development plan for the area to restrict the spread of dwellings into rural 'RU' zoned areas, and to ensure that any new residential development in rural areas is designed and sited to minimise visual impact on the character and visual setting of the surrounding landscape. These policies are considered to be reasonable. The proposed development would be in conflict with these policies because, when taken in conjunction with existing development in the vicinity of the site, it would consolidate and contribute to the build-up of ribbon development in an open rural area. This would militate against the preservation of the rural environment and lead to demands for the provision of further public services and community facilities. The proposed development would, therefore, 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