



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order
PL 05E.248588

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2017

Planning Authority: Donegal County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 17/50386

Appeal by Cooldawson Local and District Development Association of Gortletteragh, Stranorlar, Lifford, County Donegal and by Fergus Kelly of Gortletteragh, Ballybofey, Lifford, County Donegal against the decision made on the 5th day of May, 2017 by Donegal County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Donegal Target Club care of MCM Associates of The Diamond, Raphoe, County Donegal in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

Proposed Development: Continuation of use of existing Target Club/Range, for the sole purposes of firearms use, and all other approved associated site works as previously permitted under planning references 13/51444, at Cavan Upper, Killygordon, County Donegal.

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

Having regard to the nature and limited scale of the proposed development and the limited time period of operation in any given week, the location of the site within a former quarry, the presence of noise attenuation barriers on the site in compliance with condition number 3 of the previous temporary grant of permission, and the pattern of development in the area, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the residential amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity, the rural character of the area or its potential for tourism and recreational use or the keeping of livestock. The proposed development 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.
 - (a) The target range shall only operate at weekends and bank holidays. The use for firearms shall be restricted to no more than four hours on any given day, with the exception of six occasions per year. In all cases, the use for firearms shall be restricted within the time window of 1000 hours to 1700 hours from October to March inclusive, and 1000 hours to 1800 hours from April to September inclusive.
 - (b) Within one month of the date of this order, the developer shall submit for the written agreement of the planning authority, a management plan for the facility that demonstrates how the range will be operated in compliance with this condition. This plan can include occasional events beyond normal local usage.
 - (c) A record shall be kept at the range of facility operation including date and time of operation, and this record shall be made available to the public and the planning authority on request.

Reason: In the interest of protecting the amenities of the area.

3. No surface water shall be allowed to discharge from the site onto the public road and the developer shall take the measures necessary to ensure that no water discharges onto the site from the public road.

Reason: To prevent flooding.

4. All lighting shall be adequately hooded and aligned to prevent direct spillage of light onto the public road.

Reason: In the interest of road safety.

5. No signs, symbols or other means of advertisement shall be erected or posted on the site so as to be visible from outside the site without the prior written agreement of the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

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

Dated this day of 2017