

Board Order PL 09.249030

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2017

Planning Authority: Kildare County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 17/587

Appeal by Saint Eimhín's Lawn Tennis Club Monasterevin, Monasterevin AFC, and Monasterevin Community Facilities Group in association with Monasterevin Athletics and Monasterevin Basketball care of Cummins and Voortman Limited of Ballyline via Callan, County Tipperary against the decision made on the 14th day of July, 2017 by Kildare County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: (a) Construction of four number ITF (International Tennis Federation) all-weather tennis courts with associated seasonal air-dome and associated ITF professional court sports lighting including 12 metre masts and associated walls/fencing, (b) construction of two number ITF mini-practice tennis courts with practice walls/padel tennis courts with full ITF professional court sports lighting including 10 metre masts and associated fencing, (c) construction of a dedicated community childrens' outdoor play area, and associated walls/fencing, (d) construction of general site fencing and general site security fencing, walls and protective netting, landscaping and associated external LED lighting and facilities, (e) construction of athletics track and high grade soccer pitch with associated facilities and service/storage areas, (f) construction of multi-level, multi-purpose community and sports building to include large multi-purpose hall to cater for badminton, indoor tennis, five a side soccer, basketball, squash courts, gym/fitness areas, club rooms, changing areas and other multifunctional facilities and all associated works,

(g) construction of new external roads/ramps/paving/public viewing areas, external LED lighting and various pedestrian/vehicle gates, (h) construction of new bus parking, car parking areas and adjustment of vehicle access entrance and road to the site (Togher Road) and demolition of selected existing structures as necessary, (i) provision of professional non-spill floodlighting to both grass based soccer pitches and all-weather pitches and athletics track including associated masts of various heights, (j) provision of maintenance equipment store, (k) construction of two all-weather five a side soccer pitches and associated fencing/site works together with refurbishing of the existing soccer pitch as a high quality training pitch again with associated fencing, (l) erection of general public signage on site as necessary, (m) provision of controlled pedestrian access to west (Saint Mary's Lane), to east at Saint Evin's Park and provision for later controlled pedestrian access with agreement to Irish Rail station to north, and all associated site works at Togher Road, Monasterevin, County Kildare.

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

Taking into account the range and scale of activities proposed, and in the absence of technical studies examining the traffic demand of the proposed facilities, and the typical parking requirements arising, the Board is not satisfied that the proposed development would provide adequate car-parking and access arrangements for people attending the venue. This might lead to uncontrolled over-spill parking onto local streets or lead to localised congestion of the road network, with implications for the amenities of road users. The proposed development would, therefore, seriously injure the amenities of the area and of property in the vicinity 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 2018

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