



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Clare County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: P16/1012

APPEAL by Peter Sweetman and Associates of 113 Lower Rathmines Road, Dublin and by others against the decision made on the 21st day of December, 2017 by Clare County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to TIGL Ireland Enterprises Limited care of Cunnane Stratton Reynolds of Copley Hall, Cotters Street, Cork.

Proposed Development: Development comprising of coastal erosion management works to include the provision of two new protection structures at the dunes. The construction/development will include excavation of existing sand, the use of sheet piling backstops with soil nailing, geotextile underlay, armourstone protection to the sheet piles with sand and cobbles currently on the beach being used to form a dune profile over a distance of 609 metres (626 metres curved length with additional revetment overrun) approximately at the southern end of Doughmore Bay, adjacent to and west of the Trump International Golf Hotel. The works will be over a distance of 256 metres (257 curved length with additional revetment overrun) approximately at the northern end of Doughmore Bay, west of the golf course. The storage of the excavated sand on site as part of ongoing replenishment and future site management is also proposed. In a seaward-landward direction, the overall extent of the

revetment structure will be approximately 12 metres seaward of the existing general dune face with additional underlayers and engineering works. The final structure will be screened from view. Also included as part of the development are enabling works; ancillary construction works and compound; public car park; ongoing access to the beach throughout the construction programme and beyond; all at and adjacent to Carrowmore Dunes, Whitestrand, Doughmore Bay and Trump International Golf Links and Hotel, Doonbeg, County Clare as amended by the revised public notice submitted to the planning authority on the 27th day of October, 2017.

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

On the basis of the submissions made in connection with the application and appeal, including the Natura impact statement, as well as the appropriate assessment carried out by the Planning Inspector, the Board is not satisfied that the proposed development would not result in adverse effects on the physical structure, functionality and sediment supply of dune habitat within the Carrowmore Dunes Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 002250), which has a stated conservation objective to restore the favourable conservation condition of the dune habitat qualifying interests with a target to maintain the

natural circulation of sediment and organic matter without any physical obstructions. The qualifying interests for the Carrowmore Dunes Special Area of Conservation include the Annex 1 habitats, Embryonic shifting dunes, Shifting dunes along the shoreline with *Ammophila arenaria* (white dunes) and Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes). In such circumstances, as the Board is not satisfied beyond reasonable scientific doubt that the proposed development would not adversely affect the integrity of the Carrowmore Dunes Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 002250) in view of the site's conservation objectives, it is precluded from granting permission.

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

Dated this day of 2020.