



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2018

Planning Authority: Louth County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 18405

Appeal by Anthony and Patricia McKeon and others care of The Twenties Lane, Drogheda, County Louth against the decision made on the 12th day of July, 2018 by Louth County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to The Louth and Meath Education and Training Board care of Jason Redmond and Associates Consulting Engineers of 6 Lismard Court, Portlaoise, County Laois in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

Proposed Development: Retention of (i) a change from previously permitted grass sports pitch to an all-weather pitch, (ii) a change to the pitch surrounding fence from the granted 1.2 metres high fence (planning register reference number 12/510041) to a pitch surrounding fence that varies in height from 3 metres to 5 metres and (iii) two number additional floodlighting columns, at the existing Sports Pitch, at Drogheda Institute of Further Education, The Twenties, Drogheda, County Louth.

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 provisions of the Drogheda Borough Council Development Plan 2011-2017, which is the current Development Plan for the area, and the nature, scale, extent of the development for which retention is sought, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the development proposed to be retained would not seriously injure the visual or residential amenities of the area. The development proposed to be retained would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. The development shall be carried out, completed and retained 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 and the development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. The all-weather pitch shall only be used between 0900 hours and 2200 hours on Monday to Friday inclusive (excluding public holidays) and only between 1000 hours and 2000 hours on Saturday and Sundays. An automatic cut-off mechanism which shall not allow for a manual over-ride of the floodlighting shall be provided to ensure this.

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

3. The all-weather pitch shall be used solely as detailed in the public notices and the site shall not be used in connection with concerts or other similar events, except with a prior grant of planning permission.

Reason: To protect residential amenity.

4. All service cables associated with the proposed development shall be located underground, to the written satisfaction of the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

5. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, or any statutory provision amending or replacing them, no advertisement signs, advertisement structures, banners, canopies, flags, or other projecting elements, shall be displayed or erected on the proposed fencing or within the curtilage of the site, unless authorised by a separate grant of planning permission.

Reason: To protect the visual amenities of the area, and to allow the planning authority to assess any such signage or structures through the statutory planning process.

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

Dated this day of 2019.