



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Wicklow County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 18/1335

Appeal by Powerscourt Estates Limited care of Tom Phillips and Associates of 80 Harcourt Street, Dublin against the decision made on the 29th day of January, 2019 by Wicklow County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Refurbishment of existing staff accommodation and change of use to climate change exhibition adjacent to the existing Cool Planet Experience. Refurbishment and change of use of existing stables to office space. Change of use of existing carriage house to staff dining with non-commercial kitchen. Reroofing and refurbishment of existing garden sheds and single-storey roof to existing courtyard adjacent to existing estate offices and change of use to office space with associated toilets and staff shower facilities. Foul drainage will be connected to existing public sewer. Surface water will be collected and discharged to existing lake for reuse in the existing Powerscourt Gardens. Parking will be provided for the proposed development within the existing Powerscourt House facilities. All at Powerscourt House, Powerscourt Demesne, Enniskerry, County Wicklow which is in the curtilage of a protected house, namely Powerscourt House.

Decision

Having regard to the nature of the condition the subject of the appeal, the Board is satisfied that the determination by the Board of the relevant application as if it had been made to it in the first instance would not be warranted and, based on the reasons and considerations set out below, directs the said Council under subsection (1) of section 139 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 to AMEND condition number 3 so that it shall be as follows for the reasons set out.

3. The buildings the subject of this permission (as outlined by the red site boundary), Powerscourt House and all adjoining existing buildings and associated water infrastructure shall be held in single ownership and not subdivided.

Reason: In the interest of clarity and orderly development.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the nature and extent of the proposed development within the curtilage of Powerscourt Estate which is a Protected Structure, to the proposals for the proposed development to connect into the privately owned and operated water and wastewater systems within the estate and to the policy objectives of the Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022, in particular BH 9 and BH 10 which relate to the protection of all structures on the Record of Protected Structures, and the positive consideration of proposals to improve, alter, extend or change of use of protected structures to render them viable for a modern use, it is considered that the proposed development would not seriously injure the visual amenities of the area, would not negatively impact on the character and setting of the Protected Structure and would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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.

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

Dated this day of 2019.