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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019**

**Planning Authority: Galway County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 19/52**

**Appeal** by Rita McCann-Stern care of Vincent JP Farry and Company Limited of Suite 180, 28 South Frederick Street, Dublin against the decision made on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019 by Galway County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Martin Corless care of Patrick Fahey of Cloone, Gort, County Galway in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

**Proposed Development:** Construction of a residential development comprising 28 number dwellings consisting of four number detached dwellings and 24 number semi-detached dwellings, comprising two bedroom, three bedroom, four bedroom and five bedroom dwellings and associated garden sheds, hard and soft landscaped areas, and all associated site works and services; all at Kinvarra, County Galway.

**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**

It is considered that the proposed residential development, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, would not seriously injure the residential or visual amenities of the area, would not be prejudicial to public health and would generally be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience. 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. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed dwellings shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

**Reason:** In the interest of visual amenity.

3. Water supply and drainage arrangements, including the attenuation and disposal of surface water, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services.

**Reason:** In the interest of public health.

5. The internal road network serving the proposed development, including turning bays, junctions, parking areas, footpaths and kerbs, shall comply with the detailed standards of the planning authority for such road works.

**Reason:** In the interest of amenity and of traffic and pedestrian safety.

6. Footpaths shall be dished at road junctions in accordance with the requirements of the planning authority. Details of the locations and materials to be used in such dishing shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

**Reason:** In the interest of pedestrian safety.

7. The location and layout of on-street and off-street car parking spaces shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

**Reason:** To ensure adequate off-street parking provision is available to serve the proposed development.

8. Public lighting shall be provided in accordance with a scheme, which shall include lighting along pedestrian routes through open spaces, details of which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Such lighting shall be provided prior to the making available for occupation of any house.

**Reason:** In the interests of amenity and public safety.

9. All service cables associated with the proposed development (such as electrical, telecommunications and communal television) shall be located underground. Ducting shall be provided by the developer to facilitate the provision of broadband infrastructure within the proposed development. All existing over ground cables shall be relocated underground as part of the site development works.

**Reason:** In the interests of visual and residential amenity.

10. All screen walls shall be two metres in height above ground level, constructed in brick to match the brick used in the dwelling constructed in concrete block, and shall be capped, and rendered on both sides in a finish that matches the external finish of the dwellings.

**Reason:** In the interest of residential and visual amenity.

11. All rear gardens shall be bounded by block walls, 1.8 metres in height, capped, and rendered, on both sides, to the written satisfaction of the planning authority.

**Reason:** In the interest of residential and visual amenity.

12. Proposals for an estate/street name, house numbering scheme and associated signage shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Thereafter, all estate and street signs, and house numbers, shall be provided in accordance with the agreed scheme. The proposed name(s) shall be based on local historical or topographical features, or other alternatives acceptable to the planning authority. No advertisements/marketing signage relating to the name(s) of the development shall be erected until the developer has obtained the planning authority's written agreement to the proposed name.

**Reason:** In the interest of urban legibility and to ensure the use of locally appropriate place names for new residential areas.

13. The areas of public open space shown on the lodged plans shall be reserved for such use and shall be levelled contoured, soiled, seeded, and landscaped in accordance with the detailed requirements of the planning authority. This work shall be completed before any of the dwellings are made available for occupation and shall be maintained as public open space by the developer until taken in charge by the local authority.

**Reason:** In order to ensure the satisfactory development of the public open space areas, and their continued use for this purpose.

14. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0800 to 1900 Mondays to Fridays inclusive, between 0800 to 1400 hours on Saturdays and not at all on Sundays and public holidays. Deviation from these times will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances where prior written approval has been received from the planning authority.

**Reason:** In order to safeguard the residential amenities of property in the vicinity.

15. Construction and demolition waste shall be managed in accordance with a construction waste and demolition management plan, which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This plan shall be prepared in accordance with the “Best Practice Guidelines on the Preparation of Waste Management Plans for Construction and Demolition Projects”, published by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in July 2006. The plan shall include details of waste to be generated during site clearance and construction phases, and details of the methods and locations to be employed for the prevention, minimisation, recovery and disposal of this material in accordance with the provision of the Waste Management Plan for the Region in which the site is situated.

**Reason:** In the interest of sustainable waste management.

16. During the construction phase of the proposed development, the following best construction practices shall be employed to prevent any significant adverse impact on nearby European sites:
- (a) works such as soil excavation, soil depositing or soil stripping will not be conducted during or immediately following periods of heavy or prolonged rainfall,
  - (b) all stockpile areas of sand, gravels and soils shall be stored on level terrain and shall be covered during heavy rainfall periods in order to prohibit the mobilisation of sediments,
  - (c) work with concrete shall be carried out during dry conditions for a period sufficient to cure the concrete (at least 48 hours,

- (d) concrete pores shall be in contained areas,
- (e) washing out of concrete trucks should not be permitted within the site and shall be conducted in hardstanding areas,
- (f) all petroleum products shall be bunded during construction phase of development, and
- (g) the developer shall take appropriate measures to ensure that any materials brought on site are free of invasive species such as Japanese Knotweed, Gunnera or Rhodadendrum.

**Reason:** In the interest of protecting the integrity of European sites.

17. The developer shall pay to the planning authority a financial contribution in respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefiting development in the area of the planning authority that is provided or intended to be provided by or on behalf of the authority in accordance with the terms of the Development Contribution Scheme made under section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The contribution shall be paid prior to commencement of development or in such phased payments as the planning authority may facilitate and shall be subject to any applicable indexation provisions of the Scheme at the time of payment. Details of the application of the terms of the Scheme shall be agreed between the planning authority and the developer or, in default of such agreement, the matter shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála to determine the proper application of the terms of the Scheme.

**Reason:** It is a requirement of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that a condition requiring a contribution in accordance with the Development Contribution Scheme made under section 48 of the Act be applied to the permission.

18. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall lodge with the planning authority a cash deposit, a bond of an insurance company, or other security to secure the provision and satisfactory completion and maintenance until taken in charge by the local authority of roads, footpaths, watermains, drains, open space and other services required in connection with the development, coupled with an agreement empowering the local authority to apply such security or part thereof to the satisfactory completion or maintenance of any part of the development. The form and amount of the security shall be as agreed between the planning authority and the developer or, in default of agreement, shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

**Reason:** To ensure the satisfactory completion and maintenance of the development.

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

**Dated this            day of            2019.**