

## Board Order ABP-306094-19

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Limerick City and County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 19/946

**APPEAL** by Pat Shanahan care of Frank Ross Consulting Engineer of Blossom Hill, Kilcornan, County Limerick against the decision made on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019 by Limerick City and County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Niall Shorten care of Stephen Keary of Clogh, Croagh, County Limerick for the proposed development.

**Proposed Development:** To remove vegetable topsoil over an area of circa 1600 square metres and place a layer of open textured hardcore to facilitate the parking of staff vehicles and surplus machines for hire at Newpark, Croagh, County Limerick.

## **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**

1. Having regard to the rural character of the site and the nature and extent of the proposed development and having regard to the details submitted with the application and appeal, the Board is not satisfied that the proposed development would not detract from the existing rural character of the area. It is considered that the proposed development would seriously injure the character and visual amenities of the area and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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2. Having regard to the location of the site and its proximity to the N21, which is subject to the national speed limit and having regard to the details submitted with the application and appeal, the Board is not satisfied that the proposed development would not give rise to distraction to passing road users, and would thereby jeopardise traffic safety close to the junction between the N21 and the L8092. The proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Terry Prendergast

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.

Dated this day of 2020.

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