

Board Order ABP-306280-19

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019 Planning Authority: Louth County Council Planning Register Reference Number: 19599

Appeal by Peter and Maura Crilly of Sillogue, Monasterboice, Drogheda, County Louth against the decision made on the 29th day of November, 2019 by Louth County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Naomh Mairtin GAA Club care of O'Connor Sutton Cronin and Associates Limited of 9 Prussia Street, Dublin in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Replacing of two number existing tennis courts with two number six a side all weather pitches, with a ball wall on the north west edge and fencing around the other three edges. Lighting to be provided for the two number pitches to a LUX level of 201 and 0.6 uniformity, mounted on 12 metres poles at Silloge, Monasterboice, County Louth, as amended by the further public notice received by the planning authority on the 8th day of November, 2019.

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 scale and nature of the existing development on the site and use for recreation and to the scale, nature and limited extent of recreational expansion, the Development Zone 6 in the Louth County Development Plan 2015-2021, and the distance of the subject site from any adjoining dwelling in the vicinity, the Board considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the residential or visual amenities of the area. 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 out in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0700 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.

3. The floodlights or any equivalent replacement floodlights shall consist of LED lighting as specified in the application. The floodlights shall be directed onto the playing surface of the pitch and away from adjacent housing and road. The floodlights shall be directed and cowled such as to reduce, as far as possible, the light scatter over adjacent houses gardens and roads.

Reason: In the interests of residential amenity and traffic safety.

4. The operational hours of the floodlighting and ball wall shall not extend beyond 2200 hours with automatic cut-off of floodlighting at that time.

Reason: To protect the residential amenity of properties in the vicinity.

Paul Hyde Member of An Bord Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Board.

Dated this day of 2020.