

Board Order ABP-306341-20

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019 Planning Authority: Meath County Council Planning Register Reference Number: AA/191343.

Appeal by John Mullen care of JFOC Architects of 3 and 4 Greenmount House, Greenmount Office Park, Harold's Cross, Dublin against the decision made on the 4th day of December, 2019 by Meath County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: The partial removal of a two-metre high boundary wall, provision of a new vehicular entrance, the construction of one number three bedroom, two-storey detached dwelling to side of existing dwelling, connections to public watermain, public sewer drainage systems and all associated site works at 36 The Briars, Ashbourne, County Meath.

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 Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019 and the zoning for residential purposes, to the location of the site in an established residential area and to the nature, form, scale and design of the proposed development, it is 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 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 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.

 The external wall and roof finishes of the proposed development shall match those of the existing dwellings within The Briars.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

4. 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 developer shall enter into water and/or wastewater connection agreement(s) with Irish Water prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

6. The footpath shall be modified and dished at the entrance in accordance with the requirements of the planning authority. Details of the location and materials to be used in such dishing, replanting of roadside tree(s) and repositioning of street lighting shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interests of safety and visual amenity.

7. All service cables associated with the proposed development (such as electrical, telecommunications and television) shall be located underground. Ducting shall be provided by the developer to facilitate the provision of broadband infrastructure within the proposed development.

Reason: In the interests of visual and residential amenity.

8. 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 the 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.

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

Dated this day of 2020.