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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020**

**Planning Authority: Meath County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: RA/190648**

**Appeal** by Ciaran Smyth care of Simon Clear and Associates of 3 Terenure Road West, Terenure, Dublin against the decision made on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020 by Meath County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

**Proposed Development:** Demolition of existing public house and outbuildings; construction of a part four-storey, part five-storey mixed use building to accommodate:- at ground floor: three number café/retail/non-retail services units and Public Plaza fronting Main Street; at first to fourth floors: 27 number apartments comprising 6 number 1-bed units, 17 number 2-bed units and 4 number 3-bed units with associated balconies in an L-shaped building with external landscaped terrace at first floor level; 2 number bay lay-by parking spaces parallel to Main Street serving the retail units; 33 number car parking spaces at surface level serving the apartment development; relocation of existing vehicular access from Main Street and all boundary treatments, retail signage, refuse store, bicycle parking and all associated site works and services at The Clonee House, Main Street, Clonee, County Meath, as amended by the further public notice received by the planning authority on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

## **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 former use on the site which is located centrally in Clonee Village, the policies and objectives of the current Meath County Development Plan for the area and the nature, design and scale 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 visual amenities of the area or the residential amenities of property in the vicinity and would be acceptable in terms of public health and in terms of pedestrian and traffic safety. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to refuse permission, the Board, on the basis of the information submitted as part of the application and appeal, including the information submitted by the applicant on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November, 2020, considered that the proposed development would not contravene materially a policy of the Meath County Development Plan in relation to flooding, would not be prejudicial to public health, would not pose an unacceptable risk to the owner/occupiers of the proposed development arising from flood risk, or would not be contrary to the ministerial guidelines on Flood Risk Assessment issued to the planning authorities under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 to 2019, and, therefore, would not be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development in the area.

## **Conditions**

1. The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, as amended by the further plans and particulars submitted on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019 and by the further plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020, 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. A revised car parking layout consistent with Development Plan standards shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to the commencement of development.

**Reason:** In the interest of orderly development.

3. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed development shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

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

4. 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 interests of amenity and of traffic and pedestrian safety.

5.
  - (a) No demolitions shall take place during the period of 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> August in any year.
  - (b) Any destruction of bat roosting sites shall be carried out by a suitably qualified bat ecologist under licence by the Minister of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

**Reason:** In the interest of biodiversity.

6. Details of all external signage shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

**Reason:** In the interest of the visual amenities of the area.

7. 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.

8. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall enter into water and/or wastewater connection agreement(s) with Irish Water.

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

9. The developer shall facilitate the preservation, recording and protection of archaeological materials or features that may exist within the site. In this regard, the developer shall -

- (a) notify the planning authority in writing at least four weeks prior to the commencement of any site operation (including hydrological and geotechnical investigations) relating to the proposed development,
- (b) employ a suitably-qualified archaeologist who shall monitor all site investigations and other excavation works, and

- (c) provide arrangements, acceptable to the planning authority, for the recording and for the removal of any archaeological material which the authority considers appropriate to remove.

In default of agreement on any of these requirements, the matter shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

**Reason:** In order to conserve the archaeological heritage of the site and to secure the preservation and protection of any remains that may exist within the site.

- 10. Details of any plant/equipment serving the proposed café units shall be submitted to the planning authority for written agreement prior to the occupation of the units by a café use.

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

- 11. The opening hours of any proposed café unit shall be submitted to the planning authority for written agreement prior to the occupation of the units by a café use.

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

12. A minimum of 10% of all communal car parking spaces shall be provided with functioning electric vehicle (EV) charging stations/points. Ducting shall be provided for all remaining car parking spaces, to facilitate the installation of electric vehicle charging points/stations at a later date. Such proposals shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development, and the agreed provisions shall be carried out and completed prior to the making available by the developer for occupation of any of the residential units in the proposed development.

**Reason:** In the interest of sustainable transport.

13. Public lighting shall be provided in accordance with a scheme, 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.

14. Proposals for an estate/street name, apartment 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 apartment 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(s).

**Reason:** In the interest of urban legibility.

15. No additional development shall take place above roof parapet level, including lift motor enclosures, air handling equipment, storage tanks, ducts or other external plant, telecommunication aerials, antennas or equipment, unless authorised by a further grant of planning permission.

**Reason:** To protect the residential amenities of property in the vicinity and the visual amenities of the area.

16. 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.

17. The management and maintenance of the proposed development following its completion shall be the responsibility of a legally constituted management company. A management scheme providing adequate measures for the future maintenance of public open spaces, roads and communal areas shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

**Reason:** To provide for the satisfactory future maintenance of this development in the interest of residential amenity.

18. 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.

19. (a) A plan containing details for the management of waste (and, in particular, recyclable materials) within the development, including the provision of facilities for the storage, separation and collection of the waste and, in particular, recyclable materials and for the ongoing operation of these facilities for each apartment unit shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Thereafter, the waste shall be managed in accordance with the agreed plan.
- (b) This plan shall provide for screened communal bin stores, the locations and designs of which shall be included in the details to be submitted.

**Reason:** In the interest of residential amenity, and to ensure the provision of adequate refuse storage.

20. The construction of the development shall be managed in accordance with a Construction Management Plan, which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This plan shall provide details of intended construction practice for the development, including:
- (a) location of the site and materials compound(s) including area(s) identified for the storage of construction refuse,
- (b) location of areas for construction site offices and staff facilities,
- (c) details of site security fencing and hoardings,

- (d) details of on-site car parking facilities for site workers during the course of construction,
- (e) details of the timing and routing of construction traffic to and from the construction site and associated directional signage, to include proposals to facilitate the delivery of abnormal loads to the site,
- (f) measures to obviate queuing of construction traffic on the adjoining road network,
- (g) measures to prevent the spillage or deposit of clay, rubble or other debris on the public road network,
- (h) alternative arrangements to be put in place for pedestrians and vehicles in the case of the closure of any public road or footpath during the course of site development works,
- (i) provision of parking for existing properties during the construction period,
- (j) details of appropriate mitigation measures for noise, dust and vibration, and monitoring of such levels,
- (k) containment of all construction-related fuel and oil within specially constructed bunds to ensure that fuel spillages are fully contained. Such bunds shall be roofed to exclude rainwater,
- (l) off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste and details of how it is proposed to manage excavated soil, and

(m) means to ensure that surface water run-off is controlled such that no silt or other pollutants enter local surface water sewers or drains.

A record of daily checks that the works are being undertaken in accordance with the Construction Management Plan shall be kept for inspection by the planning authority.

**Reason:** In the interests of amenities, public health and safety.

21. Prior to commencement of development, the applicant or other person with an interest in the land to which the application relates shall enter into an agreement in writing with the planning authority in relation to the provision of housing in accordance with the requirements of section 94(4) and section 96(2) and (3) (Part V) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, unless an exemption certificate shall have been applied for and been granted under section 97 of the Act, as amended. Where such an agreement is not reached within eight weeks from the date of this order, the matter in dispute (other than a matter to which section 96(7) applies) may be referred by the planning authority or any other prospective party to the agreement to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

**Reason:** To comply with the requirements of Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and of the housing strategy in the development plan of the area.

22. 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 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 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 of the development.

23. 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.

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**Terry Prendergast**  
**Member of An Bord Pleanála**  
**duly authorised to authenticate**  
**the seal of the Board.**

**Dated this            day of            2021.**