

Board Order ABP-306898-20

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019 Planning Authority: Offaly County Council Planning Register Reference Number: 19/482

APPEAL by Seamus and Patricia Whelan of Bishopswood, Portarlington, County Offaly against the decision made on the 20th day of February, 2020 by Offaly County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Brian Gorman and Gemma Byrne care of BK Engineering Consultancy of Ringstown, Mountrath, County Laois.

Proposed Development: A dwellinghouse, garage, new site entrance, septic tank and percolation area and all associated works at Bishopswood, Portarlington, County Offaly.

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

The proposed development would contribute to urban generated residential sprawl in this area, would contribute to existing ribbon development along this section of roadway, would contribute to the encroachment of random development in this rural area, would militate against the preservation of the rural environment and would lead to an inefficient and uneconomic demand for the provision of services in this rural area. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of this area.

Chris McGarry Member of An Bord Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Board.

Dated this day of 2020.