



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Meath County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: LB/191460

Appeal by Jonathan McKeever and others of Braystown, Lobinstown, Navan, County Meath against the decision made on the 2nd day of March, 2020 by Meath County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Meade Potato Company care of Grange Solar of Grange, Bective, Navan, County Meath in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

Proposed Development: Installation of 1300 number Solar PV panels on the roof of two number existing potato storage sheds, and associated site works at Braystown, Lobinstown, Navan, 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 location, nature and scale of the proposed development, to the provision of the Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019 and to national targets for renewable energy it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed solar panels would not seriously injure the visual and residential amenities of the area, would not give rise to nuisance from glint and glare, would not endanger aviation safety and would be acceptable in terms of landscape impacts and of traffic safety and convenience. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. The proposed 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 5th day of February 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. 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 and to prevent glint and glare.

3. Drainage arrangements, including the disposal and attenuation of surface water, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

4. 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.

5. 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 but not limited to, noise and dust management measures, the management of construction traffic and off-site disposal of construction waste.

Reason: In the interests of public safety, residential amenity and protection of the environment.

Maria FitzGerald
Member of An Bord Pleanála
duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board

Dated this day of 2020