

Board Order ABP 307755-20

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020 Planning Authority: Cork City Council. Planning Register Reference Number: 20/39192.

Appeal by Aisling and Dean Foley care of Gerald McCarthy Architects of 72 Main Street, Macroom, County Cork against the decision made on the 3rd day of July, 2020 by Cork City Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Ancillary accommodation to existing family dwellinghouse and landholding in the form of construction of new detached dwelllinghouse, connection to proprietary treatment unit and polishing filter, alterations and relocation of existing entrance to create acceptable sightlines, landscaping together with all associated site works at Knocknasuff, Blarney, County Cork.

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

- 1. Taken in conjunction with existing and permitted development in the area and specifically along this stretch of roadway, the proposed development together with the existing development to the north, the east, and the south of the site of the proposed development would add to an undesirable level of linear development along this short stretch of road, would constitute ribbon development, would contravene the objective RCI 5-8 as set out in the current Cork County Development Plan and would also constitute an excessive density of development in a rural area where there are no public sewage facilities. The intensification of this pattern of development would be prejudicial to public health. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
- 2. Having regard to substantial amount of one-off housing already existing in this rural area, which is not zoned for residential development, it is considered that the proposed development would give rise to erosion of the green belt, would militate against the preservation of the rural environment, would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area and would give rise to an over-concentration of residential development in a rural area. The proposed development would also be contrary to the green belt objectives in the current Cork County Development Plan. The proposed development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission, the Board did not agree that the proposed development would not represent ribbon development. Instead, it considered that the proposed development would extend the existing linear line of dwellinghouses further into the green belt to the detriment of the visual amenities of the area, leading to the erosion of the rural character of the area. It also did not agree that the proposal would lead to the coalescence of development in the vicinity of the site.

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

Dated this day of 2021