

Board Order ABP-308038-20

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020 Planning Authority: Cork County Council Planning Register Reference Number: 2/005168

**APPEAL** by Declan Dunlea care of De Stabletun and Associates of 3 Coastguard Station, Crosshaven, County Cork against the decision made on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020 by Cork County Council to refuse permission.

**Proposed Development:** Permission for a dwellinghouse, treatment plant, associated site works and services at Farrangalway, Kinsale, 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**

Having regard to the location of the site within a Rural Area under Strong Urban Influence as designated in the Cork County Development Plan 2014 and to the provisions of the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in April, 2005 and the National Policy Objectives of the National Planning Framework, which seek to manage the growth of areas that are under strong urban influence to avoid over-development and to ensure that the provision of single housing in rural areas under urban influence are provided based upon demonstrable economic or social need to live in a rural area, it is considered that the applicant does not come within the scope of the housing need criteria as set out in the current Cork County Development Plan and the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for a house at this rural location and does not comply with National Policy Objectives. The proposed development, in the absence of any identified locally based need for the house, would contribute to the encroachment of random rural development in the area and would militate against the preservation of the rural environment and the efficient provision of public services and infrastructure. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the provisions of the Cork County Development Plan, the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities, and the rural policy provisions of the National Planning Framework, and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

> John Connolly Member of An Bord Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Board.

Dated this day of 2020.