

# Board Order ABP-309033-20

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Monaghan County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 20/290

**Appeal** by Eimear McShane of 41 Coill Darach, Castleblayney, County Monaghan against the decision made on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020 by Monaghan County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to GDEA Construction Company Limited care of CS Pringle of Monaghan Road, Castleblayney, County Monaghan in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

Proposed Development: (a) Retention and completion of residential development previously granted under planning register reference numbers 04/20 and 09/9001, amendments. Development to comprise 23 number dwelling units as follows: 15 number two-storey three bed terraced dwellings (House Type D), four number single storey two bed detached dwellings (House Types E, E1 and E2), four number two-storey three bed semidetached dwellings (House Type C). Minor amendments to the vehicular roadways and associated pedestrian footpaths and associated site works. Retention and completion of partially constructed infrastructure including foul and storm sewers. (b) Full Permission for seven number dwelling units as follows: six number two-storey three bed semi-detached dwellings (House

Type B), one number two-storey three bed detached dwelling (House Type F), hard and soft landscaping including boundary and internal fences/gates, connection of storm water drainage to existing public storm sewer, connection of foul water drainage to existing public foul sewer, all ancillary and associated site works. Total development to be retained: 18 number dwellings, total new development: 12 number dwellings (total 30 number dwellings), all at Coil Darach, Bree, Castleblayney, County Monaghan. Further public notices and information were received by the planning authority on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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 planning history and to the brownfield nature of the appeal site, its context within an existing urban area, adjoining an existing residential development that is served by shared open space, the detailed design, scale and form of the development, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not detract from the character or amenity of the area and would be acceptable in terms of residential density, open space provision and traffic safety. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

## Conditions

The development shall be retained, 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 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 retained, carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

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

2. Prior to commencement of any house in the development as permitted, the applicant or any person with an interest in the land shall enter into an agreement with the planning authority (such agreement must specify the number and location of each house), pursuant to Section 47 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, that restricts all houses permitted, to first occupation by individual purchasers i.e. those not being a corporate entity, and/or by those eligible for the occupation of social and/or affordable housing, including cost rental housing.

**Reason:** To restrict new housing development to use by persons of a particular class or description in order to ensure an adequate choice and supply of housing, including affordable housing, in the common good.

Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes
to the proposed dwellings 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 site shall be landscaped in accordance with a comprehensive scheme of landscaping, details of which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. The scheme shall include a timescale for implementation.

All planting shall be adequately protected from damage until established. Any plants which die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased, within a period of five years from the completion of the development or until the development is taken in charge by the

local authority, whichever is the sooner, shall be replaced within the next planting season with others of similar size and species, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the planning authority.

Reason: In the interests of residential and visual amenity.

5. 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.

6. Proposals for an estate/street name, house 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 house numbers, shall be provided in accordance with the agreed scheme. 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 and to ensure the use of locally appropriate placenames for new residential areas.

7. The construction of the development shall be managed in accordance with a Construction Management Plan, which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This plan shall provide details of intended construction practice for the development, including noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

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

8. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0700 to 1800 Mondays to Fridays inclusive, between 0900 to 1300 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.

9. 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.

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

**Reason:** To ensure adequate servicing of the development, and to prevent pollution.

11. All public service cables for the development, including electrical and telecommunications cables, shall be located underground throughout the site.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

12. Surface water from the site shall not be permitted to drain onto the adjoining public road.

**Reason:** In the interest of traffic safety.

13. Prior to the occupation of any dwelling unit, the recommendations of the Road Safety Audit shall be implemented to the satisfaction of the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of traffic safety.

14. All roads, footpaths, parking areas, public lighting and underground services shall be completed prior to the occupation of any housing unit.

**Reason:** In the interest of orderly development and residential amenity.

15. 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.

16. The management and maintenance of the proposed development following its completion shall be the responsibility of a legally constituted management company, or by the local authority in the event of the development being taken in charge. Detailed proposals in this regard shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

**Reason:** To ensure the satisfactory completion and maintenance of this development.

17. The development hereby permitted shall be retained, carried out and completed at least to the construction standards set out in 'Recommendations for Site Development Works for Housing Areas' issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in October 1998, except where superseded by the planning authority's 'Taking in Charge Policy' (WSTGC 2008) and 'Storm Water Technical Guidance Document' (2017). Following completion, the development shall be maintained by the developer, in compliance with these standards, until taken in charge by the planning authority.

**Reason:** To ensure that the development is carried out and completed to an acceptable standard of construction.

18. 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.

19. 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 and maintenance until taken in charge by the local authority of roads, footpaths, watermains, drains, public 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 or maintenance 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 and maintenance of the development until taken in charge.

20. 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.

Terry Prendergast

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

Dated this 15 m day of gune 2021