

Board Order ABP-309604-21

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Kerry County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 20/1189

APPEAL by Caitriona Reen care of Coakley O'Neill Town Planning Limited of NSC Campus, Mahon, Cork against the decision made on the 9th day of February, 2021 by Kerry County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Construct a new dwelling house and domestic garage served by mechanical aeration unit and soil polishing filter at Gortanahaneboy West, Headford, Killarney, County Kerry.

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 urban 1. influence, and to National Policy Objective 19 of the National Planning Framework (February 2018) which, for rural areas under urban influence, seeks to facilitate the provision of single housing in the countryside based on the core consideration of demonstrable economic or social need to live in a rural area, having regard to the viability of smaller towns and rural settlements, it is considered that the applicant has not demonstrated an economic or social need to live in a rural area having regard to the viability of smaller towns and rural settlements and, therefore, the proposed development does not comply with National Policy Objective 19. The proposed development would contribute to the encroachment of random rural development in the area, would militate against the preservation of the rural environment and the efficient provision of public services and infrastructure and would contravene the provisions of the National Planning Framework. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

2. The proposed development would give rise to an excessive density of development, would contribute to a suburban form of development in a rural area and would militate against the preservation of the rural environment, the efficient provision of public services and infrastructure and the viability of smaller rural settlements. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to national and local policy and 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 25 day of June 2021