

Board Order ABP-310127-21

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Wexford County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 20201130

APPEAL by Darren Murphy and Bert Denby care of Tincurry, Ballycarney, Enniscorthy, County Wexford against the decision made on the 9th day of April, 2021 by Wexford County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Derek Kent, Chairman on behalf of Wexford GAA County Board care of NRB Consulting Engineers Limited of 8 Leopardstown Business Centre, Ballyogan Avenue, Leopardstown, Dublin.

Proposed Development: (A) the construction of a new recessed, walled and gated entrance, signage and access road/ footpath to/ from Wexford GAA Centre of Excellence. Access from the R772, including dedicated right turning lane. (B) Alterations to site layout (from plans approved under planning register number 20091727) to include two new full sized natural turf pitches, floodlighting to one pitch, a floodlight natural turf training area, covered spectator seating, standard ball stop netting to pitches, an extended car parking area and other associated and ancillary site works at Wexford GAA Centre of Excellence, Coolbaun, Ferns, County Wexford.

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 Spatial Planning and National Roads – Guidelines for Planning Authorities, published by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government in January 2012, to the provisions of the Wexford County Development Plan 2013-2019, and to the location of the proposed access onto a Class 1 Regional Road where a speed limit of 80 kilometres per hour applies, it is considered that the proposed development would be contrary to the guidelines and Objective T27 of the development plan, which seeks to prevent new, or the significant intensification of existing, access/egress points from/to Class I Regional Roads in order to safeguard the strategic function of the regional roads in the county, to reduce the risks to public safety and to maximise returns on investment. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to national and local policy and to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission, the Board considered that the proposed development would be contrary to national and local planning policy in respect of regional roads.

John Connolly

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

Dated this / Sold day of November 2021