



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Galway County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 21/288

Appeal by Mary Finnerty care of Planning Consultancy Services of Suite 3, Third Floor, Ross House, Victoria Place, Eyre Square, Galway against the decision made on the 27th day of April, 2021 by Galway County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: To construct a two-storey dwelling house and associated services at Abbeyfields, Cosmona, Loughrea, County Galway.

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 pattern of development in the area, to the provisions of the Galway County Development Plan 2015-2021 and to the Loughrea Local Area Plan 2012-2022, and to the layout and design as submitted, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the residential or visual amenities of adjoining properties, would not seriously injure the residential amenities of future occupants and would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



Conditions

1. The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, as amended by the further details submitted to An Bord Pleanála on the 21st day of May 2021, 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 carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed dwelling shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

3. Development described in Classes 1 or 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, or any statutory provision modifying or replacing them, shall not be carried out within the curtilage of the proposed dwelling house without a prior grant of planning permission.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.

4. Water supply and drainage arrangements, including the disposal of surface water, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services.

Reason: In the interest of public health.



5. 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.

6. The site shall be landscaped in accordance with a scheme of landscaping, including the area to the north of the site boundary as indicated in the submission to An Bord Pleanála on the 21st day of May 2021, details of which shall be submitted to the planning authority for written agreement before development commences. The scheme shall include a timescale for its implementation.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

7. All service cables associated with the proposed development (such as electrical, telecommunications and communal television) shall be located underground. Ducting shall be provided by the developer to facilitate the provision of broadband infrastructure within the proposed development.

Reason: In the interests of visual and residential amenity.

8. Site development and building works shall be carried only out between the hours of 0700 to 1900 Mondays to Fridays inclusive, between 0700 to 1400 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. 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 the 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 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.



John Connolly

Member of An Bord Pleanála

**duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.**

Dated this 23rd day of SEPTEMBER 2021.

