

Board Order ABP-311159-21

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Kilkenny County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: P2/1245

Application for Leave to Appeal against the decision of the planning authority by Caoimhe Sheeran of 14 Hazelbrook, Parcnagowan, Kilkenny, County Kilkenny having an interest in land adjoining the land in respect of which Kilkenny County Council decided on the 22nd day of July, 2021 to grant subject to conditions permission to The Board of Management of Presentation Secondary School Kilkenny care of Coakley O'Neill Town Planning Limited of NSC Campus, Mahon, Cork.

Proposed Development: The development will consist of the demolition of the existing school and a number of associated outbuildings and construction of a new two-storey 37-classroom school building with a total floor area of 10,276 square metres and incorporating a general-purpose hall, a PE hall, a special needs unit, library, staff rooms and all ancillary accommodation including an external bin store, electricity substation and storage shed. The school building will also include photovoltaic panels on roof to the southern corner. Works to the new school grounds will consist of the provision of a half size GAA pitch with ballstop nets, two MUGA pitches, a basketball court, play and horticultural areas, a sensory garden and

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associated hard and soft landscaping throughout. The development will also include modifications to the existing vehicular and pedestrian access arrangements to incorporate new entrance gates and internal access roadway and footpath, an internal drop-off area for both cars and buses and the provision of 93 number car parking spaces (including four number disabled parking spaces), 122 number sheltered bicycle parking spaces for students and 28 number bicycle spaces for visitors. To allow for the construction of the new school while the existing school building remains operational, permission is sought for enabling works to include for the re-routing of ESB cables on the site and temporary drop-off and staff parking arrangements. Permission is also sought for all other associated drainage, boundary treatment and site development works, all at Presentation Secondary School, Outrath Road, Loughboy, Kilkenny.

Decision

REFUSE leave to appeal under section 37 (6) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, based on 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.

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Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the submissions and documents received in connection with the application for leave to appeal and the conditions set out in the planning authority's decision, it is considered that it has not been shown that the development in respect of which a decision to grant permission has been made will differ materially from the development as set out in the application for permission by reason of conditions imposed by the planning authority to which the grant is subject.

Paul Hyde

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board.

Dated this 13th day of September 2021.