

Board Order ABP-311257-21

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Cork County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 21/05618

APPEAL by Colette Buttimer care of Trevor Parry of Cooranig, Dunmanway, County Cork against the decision made on the 4th day of August, 2021 by Cork County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: Reclamation of land for agricultural use by filling low lying area with imported fill and for new agricultural entrance (to facilitate reclamation) at Gortanimill, Reananerree, Macroom, County Cork.

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

It is an objective of Cork County Development Plan to retain areas of local biodiversity value, ecological corridors and habitats that are features of the County's ecological network, inclusive of natural and seminatural grasslands, and to protect these from inappropriate development (Objective HE 2-3). Having regard to the wet heath habitat within the site and the range of habitats which support a diverse range of species of ecological value and to the ongoing degradation and damage to such habitats at this location, it is considered that the proposed development would result in the loss of habitat of ecological value, it would have a significant negative effect on the biodiversity of the area, and it would, thereby, conflict with Objective HE 2-3 of the Cork County Development Plan. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary 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 / O day of January 2022