



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Kildare County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 21/455

Appeal by Martin Donovan care of Hughes Planning and Development Consultants of 85 Merrion Square, Dublin against the decision made on the 1st day of September, 2021 by Kildare County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Carl Farrar care of David Mulcahy Planning Consultants Limited of 67 The Old Mill Race, Athgarvan, County Kildare in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Bridge over the River Liffey to facilitate farming. The bridge will consist of three spans of 30.1 metres, 8.3 metres and 28.4 metres for a total length of 66.8 metres (including supporting trusses), a deck width of 2.75 metres (6.35-metre structural frame) and it will be supported by four number abutment walls. It will contain railings on either side which will measure 2.26 metres high and have a structural depth of 2.5 metres. All associated site works, including gravel access ramps, all at Friarstown, Straffan, County Kildare.

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.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the established agricultural use on the site and associated landholding, the proposed use of the bridge, the nature and design of the proposed development, and the character of the local receiving environment in this rural area, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the visual amenities of the area, would not pose an unacceptable risk of flooding, and would not set an undesirable precedent for similar developments in the area. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. The proposed development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, as amended by the further plans and particulars received by the planning authority on the 5th day of August, 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 proposed development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. The construction of the proposed bridge shall be managed in accordance with a Construction Management Plan (CMP), which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This plan shall provide details of, inter alia, the intended construction practice for the proposed development, including measures to prevent any polluting matter, suspended solids or silt being discharged to the River Liffey. The CMP shall also provide details of the timing and routing of construction traffic to and from the site and associated directional signage, to include proposals to facilitate the delivery of abnormal loads to the site.

Reason: In the interest of protecting the River Liffey and traffic safety.

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3. The developer shall consult with Inland Fisheries Ireland at a number of stages of the construction, the timings of which shall be agreed with Inland Fisheries Ireland prior to commencement of development. The detailed method statements to be prepared in response to same shall be submitted to the planning authority for information.

Reason: In the interest of protecting the River Liffey.

4. The proposed bridge deck shall be designed and constructed in such a way as to prevent deleterious material entering the River Liffey at operational stage. Detailed design proposals indicating compliance with this requirement shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of protecting the River Liffey.

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Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board.

Dated this *17th* day of *April* 2023.

