

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Cork County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 21/04718

APPEAL by Classic Lodges (Ireland) Limited care of McCutcheon Halley, Chartered Planning Consultants of 6 Joyce House, Barrack Square, Ballincollig, County Cork against the decision made on the 29th day of October, 2021 by Cork County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: Construction of a crematorium and all associated site works and landscaping including decommissioning of existing waste water treatment system and provision of new waste water treatment system, new vehicle parking and circulation, removal of the entrance gateposts, alterations to entrances at existing locations to create one entrance/exit with right turning lane off N72 at the former Duhallow Park Hotel site, Dromcummer Beg and Coolacheesker (townlands), Kanturk, County Cork.

Decision

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

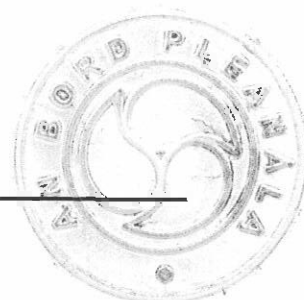
1. Having regard to the lack of up-to-date baseline data, and the commentary within the submitted Natura Impact Statement that further assessments are required with regard to Appropriate Assessment, the Board is not in a position to conclude that the proposed development individually, or in combination with other plans or projects, would not adversely affect the integrity of European Site the Blackwater River (Cork/Waterford) Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 002170), in view of the site's conservation objectives, and the Board is precluded from granting permission for this proposed development.
2. Having regard to the strategic traffic function of national roads as set out in Section 1.4 of the Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in January, 2012, the location of the site and its exclusive access off the N72, the Board considered that the siting of the proposed crematorium on the subject site would adversely affect the road's operating efficiency and prejudice its strategic traffic function. The proposed development would be contrary to the principles of good traffic management, would adversely affect the use of a national road and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Dr. Maria FitzGerald

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Member of An Bord Pleanála

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



Dated this 11th day of July 2022