

Board Order ABP-312091-21

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Kildare County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 21/1300

APPEAL by Fintan Lalor and Angela Keigher care of Tea Lane Architects of 155 Church Road, Celbridge, County Kildare against the decision made on the 4th day of November, 2021 by Kildare County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: Construction of a four-bedroom single-storey dwelling with detached single-storey garage/shed, a secondary effluent treatment system, a recessed entrance and access driveway, fencing to the northern site boundary and all associated site works at Blackhall, Clane, County Kildare.

Decision

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

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the location of the site within an Area Under Strong Urban Influence in accordance with the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities published by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in 2005, National Policy Objective 19 of the National Planning Framework (February 2018) which, for rural areas under urban influence, seeks to facilitate the provision of single housing in the countryside based on the core consideration of demonstrable economic or social need to live in a rural area, having regard to the viability of smaller towns and rural settlements, the Board could not be satisfied on the basis of the information on the file that the applicants come within the scope of either economic or social housing need criteria as set out in the overarching National Guidelines.

The proposed development, in absence of any identified local based need for the house at this location, would result in a haphazard and unsustainable form of development in an unserviced area, would contribute to the encroachment of random rural development in the area, would exacerbate ribbon development in the area, would militate against the preservation of the rural environment and the efficient provision of public services and infrastructure, and would undermine the settlement strategy set out in the current development plan for the area. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

DR. Maria Sitzber

Maria FitzGerald

Member of An Bord Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Board.

Dated this 15th day of June 2022.