

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Wicklow County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 21/1415

Appeal by John and Ann O'Brien of Castleruddery, Donard, County Wicklow against the decision made on the 17th day of January, 2022 by Wicklow County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Bill Keogh care of L/K Design of Moneystown, Roundwood, County Wicklow in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

Proposed Development: Construction of a new dwelling, block up existing entrance, installation of a new entrance, wastewater treatment unit and soil polishing filter, and demolition of existing structure on site and associated works at Donaghmore, Glen of Imaal, County Wicklow.

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.

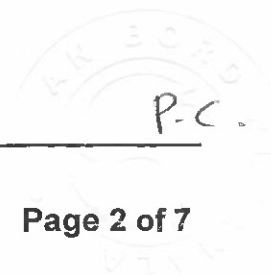
Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the provisions of the Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022, the location of the site within the Level 8 settlement of Donaghmore and the applicant's demonstrated compliance with the housing policy, HD22, for a dwelling at this location, it is considered that the proposed development, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, would not seriously injure the visual or residential amenities of the area, would not give rise to public health issues or pollution, and would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience. The proposed development, would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, 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 development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

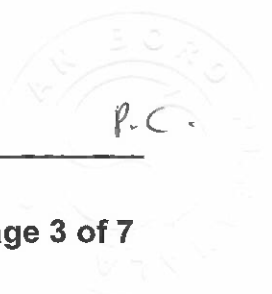
Reason: In the interest of clarity.



2. (a) The proposed dwelling, when completed, shall be first occupied as a place of permanent residence by the applicant, members of the applicant's immediate family or their heirs, and shall remain so occupied for a period of at least seven years thereafter [unless consent is granted by the planning authority for its occupation by other persons who belong to the same category of housing need as the applicant]. The applicant shall enter into a written agreement with the planning authority under section 47 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, to this effect.
- (b) Within two months of the occupation of the proposed dwelling, the applicant shall submit to the planning authority a written statement of confirmation of the first occupation of the dwelling in accordance with paragraph (a) and the date of such occupation.

This condition shall not affect the sale of the dwelling by a mortgagee in possession or the occupation of the dwelling by any person deriving title from such a sale.

Reason: To ensure that the proposed house is used to meet the applicant's stated housing needs and that development in this rural area is appropriately restricted to meeting essential local need in the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



3. (a) The treatment plant and polishing filter shall be located, constructed and maintained in accordance with the details submitted to the planning authority on the 19th day of November, 2021, and in accordance with the requirements of the document “Wastewater Treatment Manual: Treatment Systems for Single Houses”, Environmental Protection Agency (current edition). No system other than the type proposed in the submissions shall be installed unless agreed in writing with the planning authority.
- (b) Certification by the system manufacturer that the system has been properly installed shall be submitted to the planning authority within four weeks of the installation of the system.
- (c) A maintenance contract for the treatment system shall be entered into and paid in advance for a minimum period of five years from the first occupancy of the dwellinghouse and thereafter shall be kept in place at all times. Signed and dated copies of the contract shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority within four weeks of the installation.
- (d) Surface water soakways shall be located such that the drainage from the dwelling and paved areas of the site shall be diverted away from the location of the polishing filter.
- (e) Within three months of the first occupation of the dwelling, the developer shall submit a report from a suitably qualified person with professional indemnity insurance certifying that the proprietary effluent treatment system has been installed and commissioned in accordance with the approved details and is working in a satisfactory manner and that the polishing filter is constructed in accordance with the standards set out in the EPA document.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

4. The existing septic tank shall be decommissioned and removed from the site, by an authorised contractor to a licenced facility, during enabling works.

Reason: In the interest of public health to protect groundwater.

5. The developer shall enter into a water connection agreement with Irish Water.

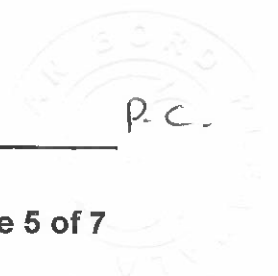
Reason: In the interest of public health.

6. Surface water from the site shall not be permitted to drain onto the adjoining public road.

Reason: In the interest of traffic safety.

7. The roof colour of the proposed house shall be blue-black, black, dark brown or dark-grey. The colour of the ridge tile shall be the same as the colour of the roof.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.



8. The external walls shall be finished in neutral colours such as grey or off-white.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

9. The site shall be landscaped, using only indigenous deciduous trees and hedging species, in accordance with details which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This scheme shall include the following:

- (a) the establishment of a hedgerow along all side and rear boundaries of the site, and
- (b) planting of trees at two metre intervals along the southern boundary of the site.

Any plants which die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased, within a period of five years from the completion of the development, shall be replaced within the next planting season with others of similar size and species, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the planning authority.

Reason: In order to screen the development and assimilate it into the surrounding rural landscape, in the interest of visual amenity.

10. The developer shall pay to the planning authority a financial contribution in respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefiting development in the area of the planning authority that is provided or intended to be provided by or on behalf of the authority in accordance with the terms of the Development Contribution Scheme made under section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The contribution shall be paid prior to commencement of development or in such phased payments as the planning authority may facilitate and shall be subject to any applicable indexation provisions of the Scheme at the time of payment. Details of the application of the terms of the Scheme shall be agreed between the planning authority and the developer or, in default of such agreement, the matter shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála to determine the proper application of the terms of the Scheme.

Reason: It is a requirement of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that a condition requiring a contribution in accordance with the Development Contribution Scheme made under section 48 of the Act be applied to the permission.

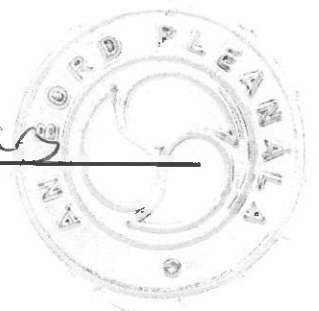
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duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board.



Dated this *22* day of *June* 2022.