

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Meath County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 22/33

APPEAL by Stephen and Gillian Malone of Colp East, Donacarney, County Meath against the decision made on the 9th day of March, 2022 by Meath County Council to refuse permission to Stephen and Gillian Malone.

Proposed Development The removal of excess hedgerows and replacement with a boundary wall and railings to match existing, all at Colp East, Donacarney, County Meath.

Decision

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

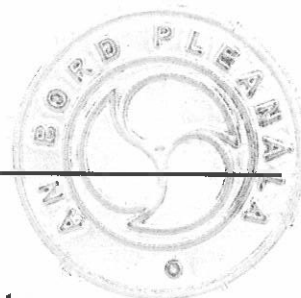
Reasons and Considerations

Development Plan policy, as set out in the Meath County Development Plan 2021 - 2027 is clear and consistent in terms of its policy and objectives in relation to retention/removal of hedgerow in rural areas. It is clear under Section 9.16 and policy and objectives DM OBJ 11 and RD POL 41 of the Development Plan that there is a requirement to retain such unless removal is required to facilitate traffic safety. The proposal is for the removal of substantial length of existing trees and hedgerow along the road frontage of an existing dwelling in a rural area in favour of provision of a wall and railings. The removal of the hedgerows would not be justified on the basis of traffic safety and the proposed development would be contrary to Development Plan policy in relation to such as well as resulting in diminished rural character. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



Michelle Fagan

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



Dated this 19th day of July 2022.