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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority: Meath County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 211914**

**Appeal** by Irene Giles of Friarspark, Dublin Road, Trim, County Meath and by Others against the decision made on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022 by Meath County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Michael and Paula Brody care of McKenna and Associates of High Street, Trim, County Meath in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

**Proposed Development:** Demolition of the existing two-storey dwelling with attached garage and associated outbuildings and construction of seven new two-storey dwellings: two pairs of semi-detached houses and one terrace of three houses all with individual entrances off the Dublin Road, connection to public services, and all associated site works, all at Dublin Road, Friarspark (1<sup>st</sup> Division), Trim, County Meath.

**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 land use zoning of the site in the current development plan for the area, the established use of the lands for residential purposes, the infill nature of the site, the design, layout and scale of the proposed development, and the nature and pattern of development in the vicinity, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the residential or visual amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity, would represent an appropriate residential density, would comply with the provisions of the development plan, would not lead to an increased risk of flooding, 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 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022, 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. All mitigation measures identified in the Natura Impact Statement submitted to the planning authority on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021 shall be implemented in full and shall be supervised by a suitably qualified ecologist.

**Reason:** In the interest of environmental protection, public health and orderly development.

3. All other mitigation measures identified in -

- (a) the “Bat and Bird Assessment of Eastfield House proposed for demolition as part of planning application in Trim Town” (survey date 21<sup>st</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2021, and
- (b) the “Site Specific Flood Risk Assessment (Stage 2)” dated the 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2021,

submitted with the planning application on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021 shall be implemented in full and shall be supervised by a suitably qualified ecologist.

**Reason:** In the interest of environmental protection, public health and orderly development.

4. Water supply and drainage arrangements, including the attenuation and disposal of surface water, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services, details of which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

**Reason:** In the interest of public health.

5. The developer shall enter into water and/or wastewater connection agreement(s) with Irish Water prior to commencement of development.

**Reason:** In the interest of public health.

6. Ducting shall be provided for all in-curtilage car parking spaces to facilitate the installation of electric vehicle charging points. Details in this regard shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to the making available by the developer for occupation of any of the residential units in the proposed development.

**Reason:** In the interest of sustainable transportation.

7. All service cables associated with the proposed development (such as electrical, telecommunications and communal television) shall be located underground. Ducting shall be provided by the developer to facilitate the provision of broadband infrastructure within the proposed development.

**Reason:** In the interest of visual and residential amenity.

8. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed development shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

**Reason:** In the interest of visual amenity.

9. A comprehensive landscape and boundary treatment scheme shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This scheme shall include the following:

- (a) details of all proposed hard surface finishes, including samples of proposed paving slabs/materials for footpaths, kerbing and road surfaces within the proposed development,
- (b) proposed locations of trees and other landscape planting in the proposed development, including details of proposed species and settings, and
- (c) details of all proposed boundary treatments, including heights, materials and finishes.

The landscape and boundary treatment works shall be carried out in accordance with the agreed scheme.

**Reason:** In the interest of visual and residential amenity.

- 10. (a) The entrance designs serving the proposed development shall comply with the detailed standards of the planning authority for such road works.
- (b) Kerbs shall be dished at road junctions in accordance with the requirements of the planning authority. Details of the locations and materials to be used in such dishing shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

**Reason:** In the interest of amenity and of traffic and pedestrian safety.

- 11. Any gates at the entrances shall be designed so that they are not capable of being opened outwards.

**Reason:** In the interest of pedestrian and traffic safety.

12. The developer shall facilitate the archaeological appraisal of the site and shall provide for the preservation, recording and protection of archaeological materials or features which may exist within the site. In this regard, the developer shall:

- (a) notify the planning authority in writing at least four weeks prior to the commencement of any site operations (including hydrological and geotechnical investigations) relating to the proposed development, and
- (b) employ a suitably qualified archaeologist prior to the commencement of development. The archaeologist shall assess the site and monitor all site development works.

The assessment shall address the following issues:

- (i) the nature and location of archaeological material on the site, and
- (ii) the impact of the proposed development on such archaeological material.

A report, containing the results of the assessment, shall be submitted to the planning authority and, arising from this assessment, the developer shall agree in writing with the planning authority details regarding any further archaeological requirements (including, if necessary, archaeological excavation) prior to commencement of construction works.

In default of agreement on any of these requirements, the matter shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

**Reason:** In order to conserve the archaeological heritage of the area and to secure the preservation (in-situ or by record) and protection of any archaeological remains that may exist within the site.

13. Proposals for naming and house numbering of the proposed development and associated signage shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Thereafter, all street signs and house numbers shall be provided in accordance with the agreed scheme. The proposed name(s) shall be based on local historical or topographical features, or other alternatives acceptable to the planning authority. No advertisements/marketing signage relating to the name(s) of the development shall be erected until the developer has obtained the planning authority's written agreement to the proposed name(s).

**Reason:** In the interest of urban legibility.

14. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0800 and 1900 Mondays to Fridays, inclusive, between the hours of 0800 and 1400 on Saturdays and not at all on Sundays or public holidays. Deviation from these times shall only be allowed in exceptional circumstances where prior written approval has been received from the planning authority.

**Reason:** In order to safeguard the residential amenities of property in the vicinity.

15. The construction of the proposed development shall be managed in accordance with a Construction Management Plan, which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This plan shall provide details of intended construction practice for the proposed development, including noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

**Reason:** In the interest of public safety and residential amenity.

16. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer or any agent acting on its behalf, shall prepare a Resource Waste Management Plan (RWMP) as set out in the EPA's Best Practice Guidelines for the Preparation of Resource and Waste Management Plans for Construction and Demolition Projects (2021) including demonstration of proposals to adhere to best practice and protocols. The RWMP shall include specific proposals as to how the RWMP will be measured and monitored for effectiveness; these details shall be placed on the file and retained as part of the public record. The RWMP must be submitted to the planning authority for written agreement prior to the commencement of development. All records (including for waste and all resources) pursuant to the agreed RWMP shall be made available for inspection at the site office at all times.

**Reason:** In the interest of sustainable waste management.



17. Prior to commencement of development, the applicant or other person with an interest in the land to which the application relates shall enter into an agreement in writing with the planning authority in relation to the provision of housing in accordance with the requirements of section 94(4) and section 96(2) and (3) (Part V) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, unless an exemption certificate shall have been applied for and been granted under section 97 of the Act, as amended. Where such an agreement is not reached within eight weeks from the date of this order, the matter in dispute (other than a matter to which section 96(7) applies) may be referred by the planning authority or any other prospective party to the agreement to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

**Reason:** To comply with the requirements of Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and of the housing strategy in the current Development Plan for the area.

18. Prior to the commencement of any house in the development, as permitted, the applicant or any person with an interest in the land shall enter into an agreement with the planning authority (such agreement must specify the number and location of each house), pursuant to Section 47 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, that restricts all houses permitted, to first occupation by individual purchasers i.e. those not being a corporate entity, and/or by those eligible for the occupation of social and/or affordable housing, including cost rental housing.

**Reason:** To restrict new housing development to use by persons of a particular class or description in order to ensure an adequate choice and supply of housing, including affordable housing, in the common good.

19. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall lodge with the planning authority a cash deposit, a bond of an insurance company, or other security to secure the provision and satisfactory completion and maintenance until taken in charge by the local authority of roads, footpaths, watermains, drains, public open space and other services required in connection with the development, coupled with an agreement empowering the local authority to apply such security or part thereof to the satisfactory completion or maintenance of any part of the development. The form and amount of the security shall be as agreed between the planning authority and the developer or, in default of agreement, shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

**Reason:** To ensure the satisfactory completion and maintenance of the development until taken in charge.

20. 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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**Stephen Brophy**

**Member of An Bord Pleanála**

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

Dated this *15<sup>th</sup>* day of *September* 2023.