



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Clare County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 22/336

Appeal by Eamonn Tuite of Willows, Springfield, Sixmilebridge, County Clare against the decision made on the 2nd day of June, 2022 by Clare County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Lauren Browne care of Kildimo Planning Services of Kildimo, County Limerick in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Construction of a dwellinghouse, entrance, installation of a proprietary treatment system and polishing filter and all associated site works at Springfield, Sixmilebridge, County Clare.

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 policies and provisions of the Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029, in particular section 4.2.6 (Single Houses in the Countryside) – New Single Houses in the Countryside within the ‘Areas of Special Control’, Category B – Social Need, and the 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 amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity and would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector’s recommendation to refuse permission, the Board considered that the Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029 contains adequate provision for the grant of permission under section 4.2.6 (Single Houses in the Countryside) – New Single Houses in the Countryside within the ‘Areas of Special Control’, Category B – Social Need, which provides for ‘A person who is an intrinsic member of a local rural community who was born within the local rural area, or who is living or has lived permanently in the local rural area for a minimum of 10 years either as one continuous period or cumulatively over a number of periods prior to making the planning application and who has a demonstrable social need to live in the area. This includes returning emigrants seeking a permanent home in their local rural area who meet these criteria. It also includes persons who were born or lived in a rural area for substantial periods of their lives and where that area is now within an urban settlement boundary/zoned land. The applicant must not already own or have owned a house in the surrounding rural area (except in the exceptional circumstances as set out in sub-category iii below) and needs the dwelling for their own permanent occupation.’

Conditions

1. The proposed 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 proposed development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. The proposed dwellinghouse shall be relocated three metres in a southern direction. Revised drawings showing compliance with this requirement shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.

3. (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. Prior to commencement of development, 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.

4. The existing road boundary shall be retained in its entirety, except to the extent that its removal is necessary to provide for the entrance to the site. Side walls, piers and the entrance gate serving the proposed entrance to the house shall be in accordance with the requirements of the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity and of traffic safety.

5. 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.

6. 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.

Reason: In the interest of public health and surface water management.

7. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall enter into a water and wastewater connection agreement with Uisce Éireann (formerly Irish Water).

Reason: In the interest of public health.

8. All service cables associated with the proposed development (such as electrical, telecommunications and communal television) shall be located underground.

Reason: In the interest of visual and residential amenity.

9. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0700 to 1900 Mondays to Fridays, inclusive, between 0900 to 1400 hours 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 amenities of property in the vicinity.

10. 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 all intended construction practice for the proposed development, including hours of working, noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

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



11. The proposed septic tank drainage system shall be in accordance with the standards set out in the document entitled "Code of Practice - Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems Serving Single Houses (p.e. ≤ 10)" – Environmental Protection Agency, 2021.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

12. (a) The proposed effluent treatment and disposal system shall be located, constructed and maintained in accordance with the details submitted to the planning authority and in accordance with the requirements of the document entitled "Code of Practice - Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems Serving Single Houses (p.e. ≤ 10)" – Environmental Protection Agency, 2021. Arrangements in relation to the ongoing maintenance of the system shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.
- (b) 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 in accordance with the standards set out in the EPA document.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

13. 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 the 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 the Board 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.


Liam Bergin

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

Dated this 14 day of September 2023.