

Board Order ABP-314832-22

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Louth County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 22/372

APPEAL by Joe Pardy and Eamon Morris care of R.M. O'Hanrahan Architecture of 08 Thompson's Cottages, Summerhill, Dublin against the decision made on the 15th day of September, 2022 by Louth County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to John Morgan and Stephanie Crinion care of Greg Jackson Architects of 23 Mount Auburn, Bryanstown, Drogheda, County Louth in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Retention and completion of works comprising of external works to a two-storey rear extension, internal works to same extension consisting of kitchen, utility room, bathroom, provision of second storey bedroom fire escape and associated rear balcony over new extension and 2nd floor bathroom. Permission for removal of existing aluminium framed windows to the front elevation to be replaced with timber sash windows and removal of existing external cement render to the front elevation and replacement with lime render, and all associated works, all at 18 Church Lane, Drogheda, County Louth (a protected structure), as revised by the further public notices received by the planning authority on the 29th day of August, 2022.

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Decision

GRANT permission for the above 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 nature and scale of the proposed development and development proposed to be retained, the urban location of the site, the pattern of development in the area, the planning history of the site, and the objectives of the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development and development proposed to be retained would not seriously injure the residential or visual amenities of the area, would not impact on the protected structure status of the building or on its setting within an Architectural Conservation Area, and would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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Conditions

1. The development shall be retained, 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 29th day of August, 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 development shall be retained, carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

- 2. (a) A conservation expert shall be employed to manage, monitor, and implement the works on site and to ensure adequate protection of the retained and historic fabric during the works. In this regard, all permitted works shall be designed to cause minimum interference to the retained building and façade's structure and/or fabric.
 - (b) All repair works to the protected structure shall be carried out in accordance with best conservation practice as detailed in the planning application and the Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (2011). The repair works shall retain the maximum amount of surviving historic fabric in situ, including structural elements, plasterwork (plain and decorative) and joinery and shall be designed to cause minimum interference to the building structure and/or fabric. Items that have to be removed for repair shall be recorded prior to removal, catalogued and numbered to allow for authentic re-instatement.

(c) All existing original features, including interior and exterior fittings/features, joinery, plasterwork, features (including cornices and ceiling mouldings) staircases, including balusters, handrail and skirting boards, shall be protected during the course of the refurbishment works.

Reason: To ensure that the integrity of the retained structures is maintained and that the structures are protected from unnecessary damage or loss of fabric.

- The roof of the extension shall not be used as a balcony or roof terrace.
 Reason: To safeguard the residential amenities of adjoining properties.
- 4. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0800 to 1900 Mondays to Fridays, inclusive, between 0800 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

Tom Rabbette

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

Dated this Son day of

2024