

Board Order ABP-315078-22

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Clare County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: P22/582

Appeal by Mary Carroll and Walter Walsh of Innisfree, Brickhill East, Cratloe, County Clare against the decision made on the 19th day of October, 2022 by Clare County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Shane and Jill O'Donnell care of Diarmud Keane and Associates Limited of O'Curry Street, Kilkee, County Clare in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: To construct a new dwelling house, private garage, site entrance, on-site wastewater treatment system and all associated site works at Brickhill East, Cratloe, County Clare. Further public notices were received by the planning authority on the 23rd day of September, 2022.

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.

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Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the zoning and infill nature of the site within the settlement boundary of Cratloe village, and the design and location of the proposed development, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would be in accordance with the pattern of development in the area and would not seriously injure the residential amenity of the area or property in the vicinity or be prejudicial to public health. 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, as amended by the further plans and particulars submitted on the 15th day of September 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 carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. The proposed garage shall be used solely for purposes incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling house and shall not be used for any commercial purpose or for human habitation.

Reason: In the interests of residential amenity and clarity.

- 3. (a) The treatment plant and sand polishing filter shall be located, constructed and maintained in accordance with the details submitted to the planning authority on the 30th day of June 2022, 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. 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 soakaways shall be located such that 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. All surface water generated within the site boundaries shall be collected and disposed of within the curtilage of the site. No surface water from roofs, paved areas or otherwise shall discharge onto the public road or adjoining properties.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

5. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall enter into a water connection agreement with Uisce Éireann.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

- 6. All trees within and on the boundaries of the site shall be retained and maintained, with the exception of the following:
 - (a) Specific trees, the removal of which is authorised in writing by the planning authority to facilitate the development.
 - (b) Trees which are agreed in writing by the planning authority to be dead, dying or dangerous through disease or storm damage, following submission of a qualified tree surgeon's report, and which shall be replaced with agreed specimens.

Retained trees shall be protected from damage during construction works. Within a period of six months following the substantial completion of the proposed development, and planting which is damaged or dies shall be replaced with others of similar size and species, together with replacement planting required under paragraph (b) of this condition.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

7. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0800 to 1800 Mondays to Fridays inclusive, between 0800 to 1400 hours on Saturdays and not at all on Sundays and public holidays. Deviation from these times will 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.

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

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

9. 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.

Stewart Logan

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

Dated this 16 day of November 2023.