

## Board Order ABP-315526-23

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Kerry County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 22/630

**Appeal** by Richard Houlihan care of Ger O'Keeffe Consulting Engineers
Limited of Friary Lane/4 Day Place, Tralee, County Kerry and by others and
by Homeland Projects Limited care of Coakley O'Neill Town Planning Limited
of NSC Campus, Mahon, Cork against the decision made on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of
December, 2022 by Kerry County Council to grant subject to conditions a
permission to the said Homeland Projects Limited in accordance with plans
and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: The construction of 52 number residential dwellings to include: 12 number Type A1 three-bed detached dwellings, 24 number Type B1 three-bed semi-detached dwellings, four number Type C1 four-bed detached dwellings, two number Type D1 three-bed detached dwellings, one number Type D2 three bed detached dwellings, eight number two-bed terraced dwellings and one number one-bed accessible dwelling. The development will also include car parking, a new vehicular access and a separate pedestrian access, public lighting, landscaping, amenity open space areas and all associated site development and infrastructural works at Ballyard Road, Cloghers, Tralee, County Kerry. Further public notices were received by the planning authority on the 6th day of October, 2022.

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## **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 provisions of the Kerry County Development Plan 2022-2028 and Tralee Development Plan 2009-2015 (as extended and varied), including the residential zoning objective of the site, to the relevant provisions of the Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlement Guidelines, issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and having regard to the pattern of existing development in the area and to the design, scale and layout of the proposed development, 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, would be acceptable in terms of pedestrian and traffic safety and would constitute an acceptable form of residential development at this zoned and serviced location. The proposed development 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 carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, as amended by the further plans and particulars submitted to the planning authority on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022, the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022 and the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022, expect 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 the commencement of development and the development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

 Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall enter into water and wastewater agreements with Uisce Éireann.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

3. 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.

- 4. The following roads, traffic and pedestrian arrangements serving the site shall be in accordance with the detailed requirements of the planning authority for such works, and shall be carried out at the developer's expense.
  - (a) The pedestrian crossing located along the L-2016 public road shall be agreed in full with the Tralee Area Engineer in advance of the construction of the development.
  - (b) No dwelling within this development shall be occupied until such time as all statutory consents and works associated with the construction of the pedestrian crossing serving this development are fully completed. The developer shall engage in a timely fashion with the Tralee Area Engineer in this regard.
  - (c) The developer shall be responsible for relocating all existing public lighting standards in line with the rear of the proposed footpath bounding the L-2010 public road while ensuring they meet required standards. Additionally, the developer shall be responsible for relocating all pre-existing overhead communications and ESB services exposed during the removal of the western boundary wall of the site, underground to the satisfaction of the Tralee Area Engineer.

(d) The extent of footpath to be installed along the western boundary of the development site shall be agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development. All pre-existing roadside services shall be relocated to the satisfaction of the Tralee Area Engineer.

Reason: In the interests of public safety and orderly development.

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. 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.

7. The internal road and vehicular circulation network serving the proposed development, including turning bays, junctions, parking areas, footpaths, and kerbs shall be in accordance with the detailed construction standards of the planning authority for such works and design standards outlined in the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets. Drawings and particulars showing compliance with these requirements shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interests of amenity and of traffic and pedestrian safety.

Each proposed house shall be used and occupied as a single dwelling 8. unit for residential purposes and shall not be sub-divided or used for any commercial purposes (including short-term letting) without a separate planning permission.

Reason: In the interest of clarity and to ensure the maintenance of a residential community.

All service cables associated with the proposed development (such as 9. electrical, telecommunications and communal television) shall be located underground. All existing ground cables shall be relocated underground as part of the site development works.

Reason: In the interests of visual and residential amenity.

10. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0700 to 1900 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.

11. The construction of the 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 development, including noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

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

12. Public lighting shall be provided in accordance with a scheme, details of which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Such lighting shall be provided prior to the making available for occupation of any unit.

Reason: In the interests of amenity and public safety.

- 13. The developer shall facilitate the preservation, recording and protection of archaeological materials or features that 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 operation (including hydrological and geotechnical investigations) relating to the proposed development,
  - (b) employ a suitably-qualified archaeologist who shall monitor all site investigations and other excavation works, and
  - (c) provide arrangements, acceptable to the planning authority, for the recording and for the removal of any archaeological material which the authority considers appropriate to remove.

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 site and to secure the preservation and protection of any remains that may exist within the site.

14. A plan containing details for the management of waste (and, in particular, recyclable materials) within the development, including the provision of facilities for the storage, separation and collection of the waste and, in particular, recyclable materials within each house plot shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Thereafter, the waste shall be managed in accordance with the agreed plan.

**Reason:** To provide for the appropriate management of waste and, in particular recyclable materials, in the interest of protecting the environment.

15. The development, including all roads, footpaths, verges, public lighting, open space, foul, water and surface water drains, attenuation infrastructure and all other services, as permitted under this development, shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the "taking-in-charge" standards of the planning authority.

**Reason:** In the interest of proper development and in order to comply with national policy in relation to the maintenance and management of residential estates.

16. Proposals for an estate/street name, house numbering scheme and associated signage shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Thereafter, all estate and 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.

- 17. A comprehensive boundary treatment and landscaping 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 development,
  - (b) proposed locations of trees and other landscape planting in the development, including details of proposed species and settings,
  - (c) details of proposed street furniture, including bollards, lighting fixtures and seating,
  - (d) details of proposed boundary treatments at the perimeter of the site, including heights, materials and finishes, and
  - (e) the boundary treatment and landscaping shall be carried out in accordance with the agreed scheme.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

18. 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 development plan of the area.

19. Prior to the 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 of streets, footpaths, watermains, drains, open space and other services required in connection with the development, coupled with an agreement empowering the planning authority to apply such security or part therefore to the satisfactory completion of any part of the development. The form and amount of security shall be as agreed between the planning authority and the developer, or in default of an agreement shall be determined by An Bord Pleanála.

Reason: To ensure the satisfactory completion of the development.

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.

Chris McGarry

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

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