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Board Order
ABP-316949-23

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Wexford County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 20230145

Appeal by Adamar Developments Limited care of Fehily Timoney and Company of Core House, Pouladuff Road, Cork against the decision made on the 5th day of April, 2023 by Wexford County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Permission for a development which will consist of a mixed residential development of 84 number dwellings within Phase 4 at Old Forge Road on a site area of approximately 2.7 hectares and will comprise of the proposed erection of 10 number two-storey two-bedroom semi-detached dwellings, 46 number two-storey three-bedroom semi-detached dwellings and 28 number two-storey four-bedroom semi-detached dwellings and associated parking spaces. Vehicular access, site development works and associated landscaping/communal public open spaces with connection to existing local public mains services and all associated site works at Old Forge Road, Shinguan, Enniscorthy, County Wexford.

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

In coming to its decision, the Board had regard to the following:

- (a) the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC),
- (b) the European Union (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011-2015,
- (c) the likely consequences for the environment and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which it is proposed to carry out the proposed development and the likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European Site,
- (d) the conservation objectives, qualifying interests and special conservation interests for the Slaney River Valley Special Area of Conservation (Site Code 000781) and the Wexford Harbour and Slobbs Special Protection Area (Site Code 004076),
- (e) the policies and objectives of the Wexford County Development Plan 2022-2028,
- (f) the nature, scale and layout of the proposed works as set out in the application for approval,
- (g) the pattern of existing approved phases of development in the area,

- (h) the information submitted in relation to the potential impacts on habitats, flora and fauna, including the Natura Impact Statement,
- (i) the submissions and observations received in relation to the proposed development, and
- (j) the report and recommendation of the person appointed by the Board to make a report and recommendation on the matter.

Appropriate Assessment Screening

In completing the screening for Appropriate Assessment, the Board accepted and adopted the screening assessment and conclusion carried out in the Inspector's Report in respect of the identification of European sites that could potentially be affected, and the identification and assessment of the potential likely significant effects of the proposed development, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, on these European sites in view of the sites' conservation objectives.

The Board is satisfied that the proposed development, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to a significant effect on any European sites, in view of the site's conservation objectives, other than the Slaney River Valley Special Area of Conservation (Site Code 000781) and the Wexford Harbour and Slobbs Special Protection Area (Site Code 004076) for which Appropriate Assessment is required.

Appropriate Assessment Stage 2

The Board considered the Natura Impact Statement and associated documentation submitted with the application for approval, the mitigation measures contained therein, the submissions and observations on file, and the Inspector's assessment. The Board completed an appropriate assessment of the implications of the proposed development for the identified European sites, namely the Slaney River Valley Special Area of Conservation (Site Code 000781) and the Wexford Harbour and Slobbs Special Protection Area (Site Code 004076), in view of the sites' conservation objectives. The Board considered that the information before it was adequate to allow the carrying out of an appropriate assessment. In completing the appropriate assessment, the Board considered, in particular, the following:

- (i) the likely direct and indirect impacts arising from the proposed development both individually or in combination with other plans or projects,
- (ii) the mitigation measures which are included as part of the current proposal, and
- (iii) the conservation objectives for the European sites.

In completing the appropriate assessment, the Board accepted and adopted the appropriate assessment carried out in the Inspector's report in respect of the potential effects of the proposed development on the integrity of the aforementioned European sites, having regard to the sites' conservation objectives.



In overall conclusion, the Board was satisfied that the proposed development, by itself or in combination with other plans or projects, would not adversely affect the integrity of the European Sites, in view of the sites' conservation objectives.

Proper Planning and Sustainable Development

It is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not have significant negative effects on the environment or the community in the vicinity, would not give rise to a risk of pollution, 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 serviced location. 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 to An Bord Pleanála on the 3rd day of May 2023, 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 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.

2. The proposed layout shall be as shown on the Site Layout Plan drawing number PP.19, submitted to An Bord Pleanála on the 3rd day of May, 2023. Prior to the commencement of development, full plans and particulars detailing all elements of this layout shall be submitted to the planning authority and placed on the public file.

Reason: In the interest of orderly development.

3. All rear garden boundary walls shall be 1.8 metres-2 metres in height and shall be formed by durable materials. Detailed proposals in this regard shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenities.

4. All the mitigation measures indicated in the Natura Impact Statement shall be implemented in full.

Reason: To ensure the protection of the integrity of European Sites.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. All service cables associated with the proposed development (such as 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.

9. The internal road network serving the proposed development shall comply with the detailed standards of the planning authority for such road works.

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

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 site-specific detailed Construction Environmental Management Plan, which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This plan shall incorporate all mitigation measures indicated in the Natura Impact Statement and 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. 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.

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 development shall:
- (a) notify the planning authority in writing at least four weeks prior to the commencement of development 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 investigation 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. The management and maintenance of the proposed development following its completion shall be the responsibility of a legally constituted management company, or by the local authority in the event of the development being taken in charge. Detailed proposals in this regard shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: To ensure the satisfactory completion and maintenance of this development.

15. (a) Prior to the commencement of 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 or duplex unit), pursuant to Section 47 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, that restricts all house and duplex units 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.
- (b) An agreement pursuant to Section 47 shall be applicable for the period of duration of the planning permission, except where after not less than two years from the date of completion of each specified housing unit, it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the planning authority that it has not been possible to transact each of the residential units for use by individual purchasers and/or to those eligible for the occupation of social and/or affordable housing, including cost rental housing.
- (c) The determination of the planning authority as required in (b) shall be subject to receipt by the planning and housing authority of satisfactory documentary evidence from the applicant or any person with an interest in the land regarding the sales and marketing of the specified housing units, in which case the planning authority shall confirm in writing to the applicant or any person with an interest in the land that the Section 47 agreement has been terminated and that the requirement of this planning condition has been discharged in respect of each specified housing unit.

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.

16. 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.

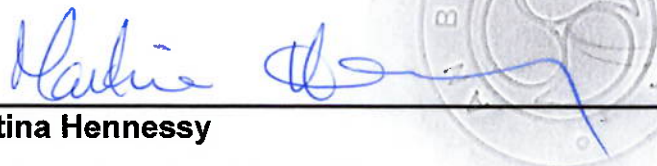
Reason: To comply with the requirements of Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and of the housing strategy in the development plan of the area.

17. 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.

18. 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.



Martina Hennessy

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

Dated this 2nd day of August 2024.