



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Louth County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 22833

Appeal by Andrew Davidson of Stifyans Cross, Philipstown, Dunleer, County Louth against the decision made on the 23rd day of June, 2023 by Louth County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Saint Kevin's GAA Club care of Eamonn Reaburn of Funshog, Collon, County Louth in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

Proposed Development: Proposed floodlighting to existing GAA pitch consisting of six number 18 metre high poles (three to each side of pitch) with associated light fittings, two number ball stop nets behind goals at ends of pitch and all associated works at Philipstown, Dunleer, County Louth. The proposed development was revised by further information received by the planning authority on the 1st day of June, 2023 in relation to retention of works undertaken along the eastern site boundary - installation of fencing, retaining structures, dugouts, pedestrian gate/steps, vehicle entrance gate and pillars (replacing previous vehicle entrance along this boundary) all as constructed.

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 location of the proposed development on lands already developed and in use for sports purposes, to the provisions of the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027, and to the nature and scale of the proposed development, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the development as proposed, including retention elements, would not seriously injure the residential or visual amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity, and would not represent a traffic hazard. The development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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 plans and particulars submitted to the planning authority on the 1st day of June 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 and the development shall be retained/carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. Within one month of the date of this Order, the applicant shall submit a landscape plan to the planning authority for its written agreement, detailing satisfactory screen planting along the southern and eastern boundaries of the site at the locations indicated on Drawing StK/22/021-A received by the planning authority on the 1st day of June 2023. All landscaping shall be carried out within the first planting season following agreement with the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

3. The vehicular access on the eastern boundary of the site shall be used for emergency access only.

Reason: In the interest of traffic safety.

4. Details of the mounting of the luminaries on each of the lighting columns shall be agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development. The luminaries shall be mounted so as to minimise the potential of obtrusive light, glare and light pollution into neighbouring lands. The developer shall comply with all future site lighting requirements of the planning authority in relation to adjusting the lights by re-aiming, the addition of louvres, cowls and shields and dimming.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.

5. The floodlights hereby permitted shall not operate between the hours of 2130 hours and 1000 hours Monday to Sunday.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.

6. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, the proposed lighting poles shall not be used for the erection or placing thereon of any structures other than the luminaries proposed.

Reason: In order to allow the planning authority to assess the implications of the visual amenity of any further structures through the statutory planning processes.

7. 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 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.



Stewart Logan

Member of An Bord Pleanála

**duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.**

Dated this *14* day of *November* 2023.