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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority: Fingal County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: F23A/0089**

**APPEAL** by Alec and Mary Love of Drishogue, Oldtown, County Dublin and by Pearse Fagan of Barley Hill, Skidoo, Ballyboughal, County Dublin against the decision made on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2023 by Fingal County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Pat Walsh (Lispopple Clay Target Private Member's Club) care of Cassidy Consultants of 7A Weir Hope, Drogheda, County Louth.

**Proposed Development:** Permission for the following: (1) proposed alterations to existing two concreted skeet areas with 3.9 metres high shelter; (2) construction of magazine storage to include associated soakaway. Retention of the following: (3) two concreted skeet areas with 3.9 metres high shelter; (4) two shooting areas with a 3.5 metres high safety earthen berm separating the areas; (5) a 3.5 metres high safety earthen berm along the western and northern boundaries; (6) a single storey members clubhouse with a gravel pathway; (7) a steel storage container (29.7 square metres); (8) a member's toilet with proprietary effluent treatment system and percolation area; (9) two launcher platforms, four launching sheds and a storage shed; (10) trench type soakaway systems connected to all structures on site, and all associated landscaping and site development works at Lispopple, Swords,

County Dublin. The proposed development was revised by further public notices received by the planning authority on the 26th day of September, 2023.

## Decision

**REFUSE permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the reasons and considerations set out below.**

## Reasons and Considerations

1. Having regard to the rural location of the site, the nature of the noise activity related to the subject development, which would have an impulsive impact, the nature of the surrounding environment and the proximity to residential properties, it is considered that, based on the details submitted, it has not been demonstrated that the development to be retained and the development proposed to be carried out would not seriously injure the residential and rural amenities of the area as a result of noise and disturbance arising from the shooting activity. It is considered, therefore, that the proposal would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

2. Having regard to the lack of information in relation to the impacts and management of waste arising from the shooting activities on site, in particular lead shot waste and the associated risk to the environment, the likelihood of significant soil and groundwater pollution cannot be ruled out. The proposal would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



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Liam McGree

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

Dated this 19 day of December 2024.