

Commission Order ABP-319262-24

Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Tipperary County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 23/60989

Appeal by Kate Duggan care of Town and Country Resources Limited of Breska, Clarina, County Limerick against the decision made on the 14th day of February, 2024 by Tipperary County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Paddy Grace care of John Joe Lewis Architectural Services Limited of 4 Silver View, Nenagh, County Tipperary in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Construction of a dwellinghouse, garage and carport, wastewater treatment system, entrance, driveway along with all ancillary site works, all at Shanbally, Norwood, Nenagh, County Tipperary.

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 policies and objectives, as set out in the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028, in respect of rural residential development, the nature, scale and design of the proposed development, its separation from adjoining residential properties and protected structures, and the pattern of existing and permitted development in the area, 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 or of property in the vicinity, would respect the existing visual character of the area, would not adversely affect the character or setting of the Shanbally House Protected Structure, would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience, and would be in accordance with the provisions of the Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

The proposed 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 received by An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 4th day of January, 2024, on the 9th day of April, 2024, and on the 16th day of July, 2025, 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 proposed development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

- 2. (a) The proposed dwelling, when completed, shall be first occupied as a place of permanent residence by the applicant, members of the applicant's immediate family or their heirs, and shall remain so occupied for a period of at least seven years thereafter, unless consent is granted by the planning authority for its occupation by other persons who belong to the same category of housing need as the applicant. Prior to commencement of development, the applicant shall enter into a written agreement with the planning authority under section 47 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, to this effect.
 - (b) Within two months of the occupation of the proposed dwelling, the applicant shall submit to the planning authority a written statement of confirmation of the first occupation of the dwelling in accordance with paragraph (a) and the date of such occupation.

This condition shall not affect the sale of the dwelling by a mortgagee in possession or the occupation of the dwelling by any person deriving title from such a sale.

Reason: To ensure that the proposed house is used to meet the applicant's stated housing needs and that development in this rural area is appropriately restricted to meeting essential local need in the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

3. (a) The roadside boundary shall be setback behind the required sight triangle. The sight triangle shall be taken from a point 2.4 metres back from the road edge at the centre of the proposed access to a point as per depicted on drawings submitted in both directions at the nearside road edge. The sight triangle shall be achieved prior to further construction on site.

- (b) Where the roadside hedge is removed, a new roadside boundary hedge shall be constructed. The new roadside boundary shall compose of an earthen bank to a consolidated height of 1.2 metres that shall be planted with shrubs suitable for hedging and common to the locality (e.g. holly, hawthorn, blackthorn, ash, elder, bramble etc.). All landscaping and planting shall take place in the first planting season following occupation of the dwelling.
- (c) The area between the new road fence and road carriageway shall be trimmed and rolled level with the carriageway, top soiled, seeded with grass and, thereafter, maintained without obstruction, trim and tidy.

Reason: In the interest of traffic safety and in the interest of visual amenity.

- 4. (a) The septic tank hereby permitted shall be installed in accordance with the recommendations included in the site characterisation report submitted with the planning application and shall be in accordance with the standards set out in the document entitled "Code of Practice Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems (Population Equivalent ≤ 10) " Environmental Protection Agency, 2021.
 - (b) Treated effluent from the septic tank shall be discharged to a percolation area/polishing filter which shall be provided in accordance with the standards set out in the document entitled "Code of Practice - Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems (Population Equivalent ≤ 10)" – Environmental Protection Agency, 2021.

(c) Within three months of the first occupation of the dwelling, the developer shall submit a report to the planning authority from a suitably qualified person (with professional indemnity insurance) certifying that the septic tank and associated works is constructed and operating in accordance with the standards set out in the Environmental Protection Agency document referred to above.

Reason: In the interest of public health and to prevent water pollution.

5. The attenuation and disposal of surface water shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall submit details for the disposal of surface water from the site for the written agreement of the planning authority.

Reason: To prevent flooding and in the interest of sustainable drainage.

 The driveway shall be constructed of gravel or other permeable material, details of which shall be agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

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.

Reason: In the interest of visual and residential amenity.

- 9. The site shall be landscaped in accordance with a comprehensive scheme of landscaping, details of which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This scheme shall include the following:
 - (a) Proposed planting which would replicate the location of historical trees and hedgerows, as indicated in drawing number J1008D001 (Landscape Plan) received by An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 9th day of April, 2024.
 - (b) Specifications for mounding, levelling, cultivation and other operations associated with plant and grass establishment.
 - (c) Proposals for the protection of all existing and new planting for the duration of construction works on site, together with proposals for adequate protection of new planting from damage until established.
 - (d) A timescale for implementation, including details of phasing, which shall provide for the planting to be completed before the dwelling is first made available for occupation.

Reason: In order to screen the proposed development and assimilate it into the surrounding urban landscape, in the interest of visual 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 or public holidays. Deviation from these times shall 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 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 the 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 Coimisiún 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.

Mary Gurrie

Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Commission.

Dated this 06 day of October

2025.