

Board Order ABP-319658-24

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Waterford City and County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 24/60076

Appeal by Carol Cunningham and others care of The Old Schoolhouse, Annestown, County Waterford against the decision made on the 10th day of April, 2024 by Waterford City and County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to David Twohig care of Staunton Henderson Architecture and Interiors of Castleview, Carrowhubbock, Eniscrone, County Sligo in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Construction of a single-family dwelling, single storey with pitched roof, rendered walls, vernacular detailing with thin eaves and traditional materials, skylights, aluminium double-glazed windows, connection to public sewer, connection to public mains water supply and all associated site works, all at Annestown, County Waterford.

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.

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Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the development strategy for Annestown Village zoned as a Rural Village, the provisions of the Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022-2028, and the nature and scale 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 amenities of property in the vicinity, would not be prejudicial to public health, and would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety, cultural heritage and visual amenity. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. The proposed development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, 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. 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.

3. The landscaping scheme shown on the plans and particulars received with the planning application shall be carried out within the first planting season following substantial completion of external construction works. All planting shall be adequately protected from damage until established. Any plants which die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased, within a period of five years from the completion of the development shall be replaced within the next planting season with others of similar size and species, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of residential and visual amenity.

- 4. (a) The entrance gates to the proposed house shall be set back not less than four metres and not more than six metres from the edge of the public road. Wing walls forming the entrance shall be splayed at an angle of not less than 45 degrees and shall not exceed one metre in height.
 - (b) Regardless of the gradient of the driveway, the area between the edge of the roadway and the gate piers shall be reasonably flat and level with the laneway, with a gradient not exceeding 2.5%.
 - (c) The entrance and boundary wall onto the laneway shall be constructed of sod and stone, dry stone, stone-faced masonry or natural stone and mortar and shall not exceed 1.2 metres in height, unless otherwise agreed with the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of traffic safety.

 All public service cables for the development, including electrical and telecommunications cables, shall be located underground throughout the site.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

- 6. The 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.
- 7. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall enter into water and/or wastewater connection agreement(s) with Uisce Éireann.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

8. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0700 to 1900 Mondays to Friday, inclusive, between 0800 and 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.

9. 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.

Patricia Calleary

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

Dated this 4 day of October 2024

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