



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order ABP-319703-24

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Donegal County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 24/60279

Appeal by John and Bernadette McElhinney of Carricknashane, Liscooley, Castlefin, County Donegal against the decision made on the 25th day of April, 2024 by Donegal County Council to grant permission subject to conditions to Seamus and Mary McMenamin care of Cornerstone Associates of Mountaintop, Letterkenny, County Donegal.

Proposed Development: Construction of an extension to existing dwelling to include renovation works and minor elevational changes to same and all associated site development works at Blairstown, Castlefin, Lifford, County Donegal.

Decision

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

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the lack of information submitted, the Board is not satisfied that the existing effluent treatment system on the subject site has the capacity to effectively treat foul effluent arising from the additional loading from the proposed development. It would not be appropriate for this matter to be addressed by condition as the applicants have failed to adequately demonstrate that the subject site can accommodate appropriate wastewater treatment in accordance with the EPA's Code of Practice for Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems (PE <10) (EPA 2021). It is considered that the proposed development would be at a variance with Policy RH-P-9(b)(iv) and Policy WW-P-6 of the County Donegal Development Plan 2024-2030 and would be prejudicial to public health. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



Liam Bergin

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

Dated this 21st day of November 2024.