

Commission Order ABP-320965-24

Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Sligo County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 2460244

APPEAL by Frank Caheny of Corkagh Beg, Skreen, County Sligo against the decision made on the 5th day of September 2024, by Sligo County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Renovation and extension and new septic tank to existing cottage at Corkagh Beg, Skreen, County Sligo.

Decision

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

Reasons and Considerations

Policy P-DHOU-1 of the Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030
encourages the renovation and reuse of derelict houses and allows
consideration of proposals for replacement houses on their merits. The
same policy requires that the structures proposed for renovation or
replacement should be generally intact and exhibit the main

characteristics of a dwelling. Having regard to the existing condition of the structure, the majority of which is in ruin, together with the absence of any defined driveway, internal boundary treatments or septic tank, the Commission considers that the dwelling is not substantially intact and does not exhibit the main characteristics of a dwelling, and therefore the proposal is not consistent with Policy P-DHOU-1 of the Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030.

2. By association with the above, Policy SP-S-11 of the Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030, seeks to accommodate proposals for one-off rural houses in Remote Rural Areas, subject to normal planning considerations and compliance with the guidance, specifically site selection criteria, set out in Section 33.4 of the plan, whilst Policy P-LCP-1 of the plan seeks to protect the physical landscape, visual and scenic character of County Sligo and to preserve the County's landscape character. It is considered that by reason of the elevated and exposed nature of the site, the proposal would result in an overly dominant feature within the landscape, adversely impacting on the visual and scenic character of the area, contrary to Policies SP-S-11 and P-LCP-1 of the Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030 and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Emer Maughan

Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún

Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Commission.

Dated this 20th day of November 2025.

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