

Commission Order ABP-321179-24

Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Meath County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 24/306

Appeal by Wild Irish Defense CLG care of Peter Sweetman, PO Box 13611, Bantry, County Cork against the decision made on the 18th day of October, 2024 by Meath County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Seamus Coyle care of Christy Garry of Crossakiel, Kells, County Meath in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Extension to existing livestock housing unit with underground slurry storage tank and all site works, all at Clonabreaney, Crossakiel, Kells, County Meath.

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 nature and scale of the proposed development within an established agricultural farmyard, the separation distance to existing residential properties and sensitive environmental receptors, and the proposed development's compliance with Section 9.8.1 and Objective DM OBJ 62 of the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027 regarding agricultural developments, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the visual or residential amenity of the area, would not be likely to have a significant effect on European Sites, and would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Appropriate Assessment Screening:

The Commission completed an Appropriate Assessment screening exercise in relation to the potential effects of the proposed development on designated European Sites taking into account the nature, scale and location of the proposed development on an existing agricultural site, the distance from European Sites, the absence of any watercourses or other ecological features of note that would directly connect the site to European Sites in the wider area, the Inspector's report, and the submissions on file. In completing the screening exercise, the Commission adopted the report of the Inspector and concluded that, by itself or in combination with other development in the vicinity, the proposed development would not be likely to have a significant effect on any European Site.



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 the planning authority on the 25th day of September, 2024, 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.

Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes
to the proposed development shall be as submitted with the planning
application, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the planning
authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.



- 3. Water supply and drainage arrangements for the site, including the disposal of surface and soiled water, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services. Prior to commencement of development, drainage details shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority. In this regard:
 - (a) Uncontaminated surface water run-off shall be disposed of directly in a sealed system to ground in appropriately sized soakaways.
 - (b) All soiled waters shall be directed to an appropriately sized soiled water storage tank (in accordance with the requirements of the European Union (Good Agricultural Practice for the Protection of Waters (Amendment) Regulations 2022, as amended, or to a slatted tank.

Reason: In the interest of environmental protection and public health.

4. The proposed development shall be designed, sited, constructed and operated in accordance with the requirements as outlined in the European Union (Good Agricultural Practice for Protection of Waters) (Amendment) Regulations 2022, as amended. The developer shall provide for the relevant (location dependent) storage requirements as outlined in Schedule 3 of the aforementioned Regulations. The land spreading of soiled waters and slurry shall be carried out in strict accordance with the requirements as outlined in the aforementioned Regulations. Prior to commencement of development, details showing how the developer intends to comply with this requirement shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority.

Reason: In order to avoid pollution and to protect residential amenity.

- 5. (a) The removal of organic waste material and its spreading on land by the applicant or third parties shall be undertaken in accordance with the systems of regulatory control implemented by the competent authorities in relation to national regulations pursuant to Council Directive 91/676/EEC (The Nitrates Directive) concerning the protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources.
 - (b) If slurry or manure is moved to other locations off the farm, the details of such movements shall be notified to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine, in accordance with the above Regulations.
 - (c) Where a third party removes the slurry or manure, the details of the agreement shall be submitted to the planning authority, including details of where the waste material is to be disposed to.

Reason: To ensure the satisfactory disposal of waste material, in the interest of amenity, public health and to prevent pollution of waters.

MaryRose McGovern

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

Dated this 12 day of August 2025.