

Commission Order

ABP-322233-25

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Meath County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 25/60093

Appeal by Aleks and Julija Gasperovics of 3 Dunloe Park, Windtown, Navan, County Meath against the decision made on the 25th day of March, 2025 by Meath County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: Construction of a two-storey extension to the rear and side of the house, including a ground-floor room for the applicant's elderly mother and an upstairs bedroom for their son. It will also include ancillary site works, all at 3 Dunloe Park, Windtown, Navan, County Meath.

Decision

GRANT permission for the above proposed development based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the conditions set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the established residential use on the site, the prevailing pattern and character of development in the area, and the nature, scale and design 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 residential or visual amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity, and would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to refuse permission, the Commission did not agree that the proposed development would present as visually obtrusive or overbearing to adjoining properties, or that it would seriously injure residential amenities by way of undue overshadowing. The Commission was satisfied that the siting, design, layout, materials, height and bulk of the proposed extension would be in keeping with the existing dwelling and would provide a suitable standard of additional accommodation.

Conditions

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. The external finishes of the proposed extension shall harmonise with those of the existing dwelling in respect of colour and texture. Details of the materials, colours, and textures of all the external finishes of 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 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.

4. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between 0800 to 1900 hours 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.

5. The construction of the proposed development shall be managed in accordance with a Construction and Environmental Management Plan, which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This plan shall provide details of intended construction practice for the proposed development, including noise and dust management measures, waste management and recycling of materials, environmental protection measures, welfare facilities, site deliveries, and construction traffic management arrangements.

Reason: In the interest of public safety, environmental protection, and residential amenity.

6. 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 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.

Declan Moore

Planning Commissioner of An Colmisium NV
Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Commission

Dated this 24th day of July 2025