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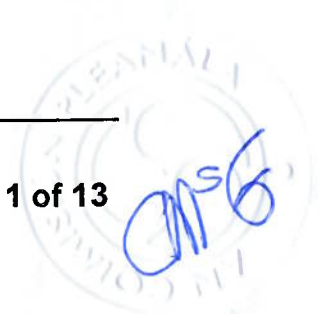
Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Louth County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 2560648

Appeal by Mark Stephenson and by Tom Foley against the decision made on the 20th day of March 2026 by Louth County Council to grant, subject to conditions, a permission to Ravala Limited in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

Proposed Development: The development will consist of 41 number two storey dwellings and comprise 14 number detached, 18 number semi-detached, 9 number terrace units, new vehicular entrance onto the Drogheda Rd (R166), boundary treatments, soft landscaping and all associated site development works, all at Drogheda Road (r166), Termonfeckin, County Louth. The proposed development was revised by further public notices received by the planning authority on the 26th day of February 2026, which has now increased to 52 number two storey dwellings with minor alterations to the site plan layout.

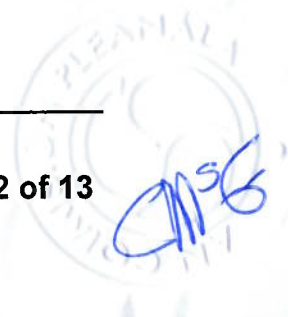


Decision

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 provisions of the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027, including the 'A2 New Residential Phase 1' zoning objective for the site, the pattern and character of development in the area, and the design, scale and servicing of the proposed development, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would constitute an acceptable quantum of development at this location, would not detract from the character or visual amenities of the area, would not detract from the quality of the environment including habitats and species, would not detract from the amenities of properties in the vicinity of the site, would be suitably serviced by water infrastructure, and would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience.



Conditions

1. The 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 19th day of February 2026, 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 development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

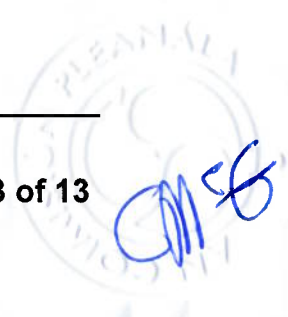
Reason: In the interest of clarity.

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

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity and to ensure an appropriate high standard of development.

3. The windows serving all bathrooms and en-suites within the scheme shall be permanent obscure glazing. The use of film to the surface of clear glass is prohibited to these windows.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.



4. (a) The public open space areas shall be laid out and landscaped in accordance with the Landscape Plans lodged with the application, as amended by the further plans and particulars received by the planning authority on the 19th day of February 2026.
- (b) Landscaping plans shall incorporate the retention of the existing roadside boundary hedgerow as shown in the plans and particulars received by the planning authority on the 19th day of February 2026. The hedgerow shall be regularly maintained so that it does not encroach on the effective usable width of the cycle lane and public footpaths.
- (c) 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 or until the development is taken in charge by the local authority, whichever is the sooner, 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.

5. Proposals for an estate/street name, house numbering scheme and associated signage shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Thereafter, all estate and street signs, and house numbers, shall be provided in accordance with the agreed scheme. The proposed name(s) shall be based on local historical or topographical features, or other alternatives acceptable to the planning authority. No advertisements/marketing signage relating to the name(s) of the development shall be erected until

the developer has obtained the planning authority's written agreement to the proposed name(s).

Reason: In the interest of urban legibility and to ensure the use of locally appropriate placenames for new residential areas.

6. Public lighting shall be provided in accordance with a scheme which shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to the commencement of development. Such lighting shall be provided prior to the making available for occupation of any dwelling unit.

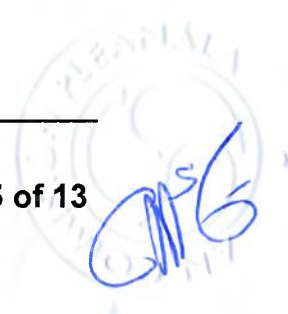
Reason: In the interests of amenity and public safety.

7. All service cables associated with the proposed development (such as electrical, telecommunications and communal television) shall be located underground. Ducting shall be provided by the developer to facilitate the provision of broadband infrastructure within the proposed development.

Reason: In the interests of visual and residential amenity.

8. The proposed roadside setback, vehicular entrance, and internal road network serving the proposed development, including turning bays, junctions, parking areas, footpaths, and kerbs, shall comply with the detailed construction standards of the planning authority for such works and design standards outlined in Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS), details of which shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to the commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of amenity and of traffic and pedestrian safety.



9. Drainage arrangements, including the attenuation and disposal of surface water, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services.

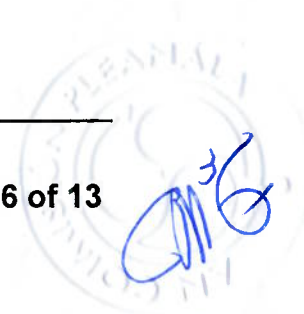
Reason: In the interest of public health and surface water management.

10. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall enter into Connection Agreements with Uisce Éireann to provide for service connections to the public water supply and wastewater collection network.

Reason: In the interest of public health and to ensure adequate water/wastewater facilities.

11. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer or any agent acting on its behalf, shall prepare a Resource Waste Management Plan (RWMP) as set out in the Environmental Protection Agency's Best Practice Guidelines for the Preparation of Resource and Waste Management Plans for Construction and Demolition Projects (2021) including demonstration of proposals to adhere to best practice and protocols. The RWMP shall include specific proposals as to how the RWMP will be measured and monitored for effectiveness; these details shall be placed on the file and retained as part of the public record. The RWMP must be submitted to the planning authority for written agreement prior to the commencement of development. All records (including for waste and all resources) pursuant to the agreed RWMP shall be made available for inspection at site offices at all times.

Reason: In the interest of sustainable waste management.

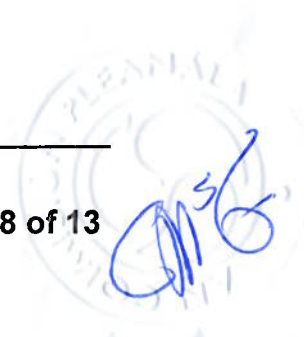


12. The construction of the development shall be managed in accordance with a Construction Environmental Management Plan, which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This plan shall provide details of intended construction practice for the development including:
- (a) the location of the site and materials compound(s) including area(s) identified for the storage of construction refuse;
 - (b) the location of areas for construction site offices and staff facilities;
 - (c) the details of site security fencing and hoardings;
 - (d) the details of on-site car parking facilities for site workers during the course of construction;
 - (e) the details of the timing and routing of construction traffic to and from the construction site and associated directional signage, to include proposals to facilitate the delivery of abnormal loads to the site;
 - (f) measures to obviate queuing of construction traffic on the adjoining road network;
 - (g) the details of intended construction practice for the development with measures to reflect mitigation described in the submitted EIAR for the application;
 - (h) measures to prevent the spillage or deposit of clay, rubble or other debris on the public road network;

- (i) alternative arrangements to be put in place for pedestrians and vehicles in the case of the closure of any public road or footpath during the course of site development works;
- (j) the details of appropriate mitigation measures for noise, dust and vibration, and monitoring of such levels;
- (k) the containment of all construction-related fuel and oil within specially constructed bunds to ensure that fuel spillages are fully contained. Such bunds shall be roofed to exclude rainwater;
- (l) the off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste and details of how it is proposed to manage excavated soil;
- (m) the means to ensure that surface water run-off is controlled such that no silt or other pollutants enter local surface water sewers or drains; and
- (n) proposals to protect vegetation along existing site boundaries (where retained).

A record of daily checks that the works are being undertaken in accordance with the Management Plan shall be kept for inspection by the planning authority.

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



13. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0700 to 1900 Mondays to Fridays inclusive, between 0800 to 1400 hours on Saturdays, and not at all on Sundays and public holidays. Deviation from these times will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances where prior written approval has been received from the planning authority.

Reason: In order to safeguard the amenities of property in the vicinity.

14. The management and maintenance of the proposed development following its completion shall be the responsibility of a legally constituted management company, or by the local authority in the event of the development being taken in charge. Detailed proposals in this regard shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: To ensure the satisfactory completion and maintenance of this development.

15. (a) The applicant is required to engage the services of a suitably qualified Archaeologist to carry out an Archaeological Assessment of the development site. No sub-surface developmental work, including geotechnical test pits, should be undertaken until the Archaeological Assessment has been completed and commented on by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- (b) The Archaeologist shall carry out any relevant documentary research and inspect the development site. As part of the assessment a programme of test excavation shall be carried out at locations chosen by the Archaeologist (licensed under the National Monuments Acts 1930-2004), having consulted the site drawings and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

- (c) Having completed the work, the Archaeologist shall submit a written report stating their recommendations to the planning authority and to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Where archaeological material/features are shown to be present, preservation in-situ, preservation by record (excavation) or monitoring may be required.

Reason: To ensure the continued preservation (either in-situ or by record) of places, caves, sites, features or other objects of archaeological interest.

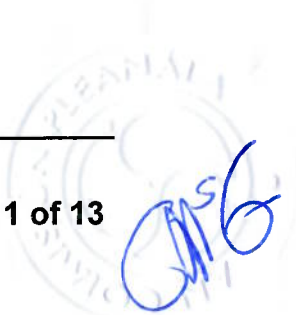
16. (a) Prior to the commencement of any residential unit in the development as permitted, the applicant or any person with an interest in the land shall enter into an agreement with the planning authority (such agreement must specify the number and location of each residential unit), pursuant to Section 47 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, that restricts all residential units permitted, to first occupation by individual purchasers i.e. those not being a corporate entity, and/or by those eligible for the occupation of social and/or affordable housing, including cost rental housing.
- (b) An agreement pursuant to Section 47 shall be applicable for the period of duration of the planning permission, except where after not less than two years from the date of completion of each specified housing unit, it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the planning authority that it has not been possible to transact each residential unit for use by individual purchasers and/or to those eligible for the occupation of social and/or affordable housing, including cost rental housing.

- (c) The determination of the planning authority as required in (b) shall be subject to receipt by the planning and housing authority of satisfactory documentary evidence from the applicant or any person with an interest in the land regarding the sales and marketing of the specified housing units, in which case the planning authority shall confirm in writing to the applicant or any person with an interest in the land that the Section 47 agreement has been terminated and that the requirement of this planning condition has been discharged in respect of each specified housing unit.

Reason: To restrict new housing development to use by persons of a particular class or description in order to ensure an adequate choice and supply of housing, including affordable housing, in the common good.

17. Prior to commencement of development, the applicant or other person with an interest in the land to which the application relates shall enter into an agreement in writing with the planning authority in relation to the provision of housing on lands in accordance with the requirements of section 94(4) and section 96(2) and 96(3) (b), (Part V) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, unless an exemption certificate has been granted under section 97 of the Act, as amended. Where such an agreement cannot be reached between the parties, the matter in dispute (other than a matter to which section 96(7) applies) shall be referred by the planning authority or any other prospective party to the agreement, to An Coimisiún Pleanála for determination.

Reason: To comply with the requirements of Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and of the housing strategy in the development plan for the area.

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18. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall lodge with the planning authority a cash deposit, a bond of an insurance company, or other security to secure the provision and satisfactory completion and maintenance until taken in charge by the local authority of roads, footpaths, watermains, drains, public open space and other services required in connection with the development, coupled with an agreement empowering the local authority to apply such security or part thereof to the satisfactory completion or maintenance of any part of the development. The form and amount of the security shall be as agreed between the planning authority and the developer or, in default of agreement, shall be referred to An Coimisiún Pleanála for determination.

Reason: To ensure the satisfactory completion and maintenance of the development until taken in charge.

19. 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.



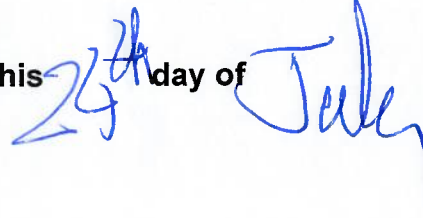
Reason: It is a requirement of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that a condition requiring a contribution in accordance with the Development Contribution Scheme made under section 48 of the Act be applied to the permission.



Chris McGarry

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

Dated this



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2026