



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Louth County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 2460060

Appeal by Ide McDermott of 6 The Meadows, Blackrock, Dundalk, County Louth against the decision made on the 15th day of March, 2024 by Louth County Council to grant permission, subject to conditions, to Paula and Noel care of HQ Planning Design of Courtbane, Hackballscross, Dundalk, County Louth for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: The demolition of an existing detached garage and construction of a new detached dormer dwelling to rear of existing dwelling, including a new vehicular entrance, use of existing driveway, vehicular parking, new boundary treatments and associated site development works including connection to foul mains and new surface water drainage at 7 The Meadows, Rock Road, Blackrock, County Louth.

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 Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027 (as varied), the Zoning Objective of the site A1 to protect and enhance the amenity and character of existing residential communities, the development management standards including infill and backland sites in urban areas, and the nature, scale and orientation 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 visual or residential amenities of the area, would not be prejudicial to public health, would not result in a traffic hazard and would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the planning application on the 31st day of January 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 development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. The site entrance, access driveway and roadside boundary treatment serving the proposed development shall comply with detailed requirements of the planning authority for such works. Proposal shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with the planning authority, prior to commencement of development.

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

3. The first-floor window on the northeast elevation of the proposed dwelling serving the en-suite bathroom shall be permanently fitted with obscure glazing.

Reason: To protect the residential amenities of the adjoining property.

4. (a) The timber boundary fencing at the front of the existing dwelling shall not exceed 1.25 metres in height.
- (b) The proposed driveway on the northeastern side of the existing dwelling, and the proposed rear garden shall be bounded by 1.8 metres high concrete post and timber panel fencing, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the planning authority.

Reason: In the interests of residential and visual amenity.

5. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall enter into Connection Agreements with Uisce Éireann (Irish Water) 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.

6. 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.

7. All service cables associated with the proposed development (such as electrical and telecommunications) shall be located underground.

Reason: In the interests of visual and residential amenity.

8. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0800 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 residential amenities of property in the vicinity.

9. Prior to commencement of works, the developer shall submit to, and agree in writing with the planning authority, a Construction Management Plan, which shall be adhered to during construction. This plan shall provide details of intended construction practice for the development, including noise and dust management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

Reason: In the interests of public safety and amenity.

10. 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 Bord 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.



Emer Maughan

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board.

Dated this 13th day of March 2025.