

Board Order ABP-321628-25

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Longford County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 2460157

Appeal by John and Pauline Lyons of 1 Tennis Court Lane, Longford, County Longford against the decision made on the 17th day of December 2024, by Longford County Council, to grant, subject to conditions, a permission to Longford Rugby Club care of Cunningham Design and Planning Limited of Block C, N4 Axis Centre, County Longford in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Erection of ball stop netting along the eastern boundary of existing multi-purpose artificial grass pitch which will be fixed to the existing pitch lighting poles and all ancillary works, all at Longford Rugby Club, Demesne, Lisbrack Road, Longford.

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

It is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed erection of ball stop netting fixed to the existing lighting poles on lands zoned Recreation, Amenity and Green Spaces will provide the necessary protection of balls leaving the property and will not have a significant negative impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties. Owing to the nature of the development, the separation distances and the existing mature boundary it is considered that the level of visual impact will be minimal on the perspective of neighbouring residential dwellings. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

The 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 development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

 The proposed netting as erected shall have a minimum aperture (ope between strands) of 100 millimetres. Full details of manufacture and specification of the netting shall be submitted to the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity

Mick Long

Member of An Bord Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Board.

Dated this 24 day of Port

2025.