

Mid Ulster District Council Local Planning Office Mid-Ulster Council Offices 50 Ballyronan Road Magherafelt BT45 6EN

Management Officer Report Committee Application

Summary			
Committee Meeting Date:	Item Number:		
Application ID: LA09/2018/1384/F	Target Date:		
Proposal: Demolition of existing building to erect 7 based primary school (single unit), nursery (single unit) and playground. The access road is existing to the site and will form part of another planning application submitted by Mid Ulster Council.	Location: Site fronts onto Gortgonis Road adjacent to sports field on existing Community Centre site Gortgonis Coalisland BT71 4JJ. Grid Reference: 284750/366000.		
Referral Route: Major Application, one objection			
Recommendation:	Approval		
Applicant Name and Address: Gaelscoil Uni Neill 104 Washing Bay Road Coalisland Dungannon BT7 1NR	Agent Name and Address: Knox & Clayton Architects 2a Wallace Avenue Lisburn BT27 4AA		
Executive Summary: The proposal is for a new school and nursery within the Gortgonis area of Coalisland, on the site of Gortgonis Fitness Suite and children play area. Recommendation to approve. Signature(s):			

Case Officer Report

Site Location Plan



Representations:	
Letters of Support	None Received
Letters of Objection	1
Number of Support Petitions and	No Petitions Received
signatures	
Number of Petitions of Objection	No Petitions Received
and signatures	

Summary of Issues

Road Safety issues raised. Objector states that the existing situation of road safety is bad at this area of Gortgonis Road at present, and that this development will make the situation worse.

Description of proposal

A full planning application has been submitted for the demolition of an existing building to erect 7 based primary school (single unit), nursery (single unit) and playground. The access road is existing to the site and will form part of another planning application submitted by Mid Ulster Council.

The other application referred to in the description is LA09/2018/1329/F- Proposed enabling works to allow future development of a new leisure centre and primary school on the Gortgonis site. Enabling works for Leisure centre include a new vehicular entrance, temporary accommodation and relocation of the existing play area, Enabling works for the proposed school includes modification and improvement of existing vehicular entrance. This application was recommended as an approval at June 22 Planning Committee, and Members agreed with the recommendation and the application is approved.

Another application was granted at June 22 Committee on the adjoining lands, LA09/2019/1016/F- Redevelopment of Gortgonis leisure centre and playing fields compromising of the demolition and general site clearance of existing facilities and erection of a new leisure centre on the Gortgonis site. The proposed leisure centre will house a community hall, gym, day care facilities and associated ancillary accommodation. It is proposed to replace the existing pitch with a floodlit 3G synthetic pitch and 6 lane running track with outdoor play areas. The site works to the new centre and recreation facilities include modification and improvement of the existing vehicular entrance, the addition of a right hand turn land, car parking, pavements, fencing and amenity lighting.

Characteristics of Site and Area

The site is located within the limit of development for Coalisland as defined in the Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan 2010. On site is Gortgonis Fitness Suite building, a substantial kids play area to the side and rear, a tarmac carpark to the front, and a small area zoned as community Woodland to the NE of the site. Most of the site is zoned as existing recreational open space with a portion of white land to the SE.

This site is adjacent to two playing fields, one large grass pitch and a smaller 5 a side type facility. In addition, the larger playing field is surrounded by a surfaced running track. To the NE is a large area of woodland which was designated within the Area Plan as Community Woodland (CCW 01). Planting has taken place, as proposed, to allow for passive recreational purposes. Within the site also exists pedestrian links to Gortgonis Road, canal footpath and existing community centre.

Access to the site is proposed from the Gortgonis Road by way of an existing entrance.

Land use adjacent to the site includes;

To the North and North East the canal footpath, canal and housing development beyond.

To the North West, residential estates.

To the South, community facilities.

To the South, on the opposite side of Gortgonis Road, residential estates.

Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations

Planning Act 2011

Section 45(1) of the Planning Act (NI) 2011 requires the Council, in dealing with an application, to have regard to the local development plan (LDP), so far as material to the application, and to any other material considerations. Section 6(4) requires that the determination of proposals must be in accordance with the LDP unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Area Plan

The Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy was launched on 22nd February 2019 and is now a material planning consideration in assessing all planning applications in the District. Re-consultation on the Draft Plan Strategy closed at 5pm on 24th September 2020. The period for Counter Representations closed on 18th December 2020. On the 28th May 2021 the Council submitted the draft Plan Strategy to DFI for them to cause and Independent

Examination. In light of this, the draft Plan Strategy does not yet carry determining weight.

The site lies within the defined limits of Coalisland as defined within the Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan 2010. Most of the site area is identified as Existing Recreation and Open Space, with a small portion to the south, indicated as white land, and a small portion of land along the NE boundary falling within designated Community Woodland. Within the area designated as existing open space is a tarmac carpark which serves Gortgonis Fitness Suite, and a kids play area to the rear. The fitness suite building is within white land, and the area of Community Woodland to the north stretches to Coalisland Canal (Historic Walkway).

This application will be assessed under the following policies:

Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan 2010 (DSTAP)

- -SETT1 Settlement Limits
- -COM1 Community Uses
- -AGRI1 Community Woodlands
- -ROS1 Recreation and Open Space Zonings

SPPS Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland

PPS 3 Access, Movement and Parking

PPS 6 Planning, Archaeology and The Built Heritage

PPS8 Open Space, Sport and Outdoor Recreation

PPS 15 Planning and Flood Risk

Relevant Site Histories:

The recent relevant site histories identified are; LA09/2018/1404/PAN, A Pre Application Notice for this application. Considered acceptable 20/12/18.

LA09/2017/0478/PAD- Gortgonis Master Plan - new sports facility. Pad concluded. Letter on portal noncommittal however minutes of PAD meeting were attached.

LA09/2017/1695/PAD- 7 base primary school, single unit, access road and playground. Pad concluded. Letter on portal noncommittal however minutes of PAD meeting were attached. The first point made by the Planning Department was that the site falls mostly within an area of open space and in accordance with policy OS1 an explanation is needed as to why the application should be treated as an exception to the presumption against the loss of existing open space. It was made clear that the onus lay with the applicant to set out the exceptions and how these will outweigh the loss of open space.

LA09/2018/1329/F- Proposed enabling works to allow future development of a new leisure centre and primary school on the Gortgonis site. Enabling works for Leisure centre include a new vehicular entrance, temporary accommodation and relocation of the existing play area, Enabling works for the proposed school includes modification and improvement of existing vehicular entrance. This application was recommended as an approval at June 22 Planning Committee, and Members agreed with the recommendation and the application granted. The decision was still to issue at the time of writing this report.

LA09/2019/1016/F- Redevelopment of Gortgonis leisure centre and playing fields compromising of the demolition and general site clearance of existing facilities and erection of a new leisure centre on the Gortgonis site. The proposed leisure centre will house a community hall, gym, day care facilities and associated ancillary accommodation. It is proposed to replace the existing pitch with a floodlit 3G synthetic pitch and 6 lane running track with outdoor play areas. The site works to the new centre and recreation facilities include modification and improvement of the existing vehicular entrance, the addition of a right hand turn land, car parking, pavements, fencing and amenity lighting. Permission was granted at June 22 Committee, and the decision yet to issue at time of writing this report.

Representations:

One representation was received by a local resident who was a past Councillor in Dungannon. The objection raises concern that the traffic from the new school would add to an already dangerous situation at this part of Gortgonis Road, and would increase the risk of road traffic accidents.

Consideration

ROS1 Recreation and Open Space Zonings of the Area Plan states that proposals will be determined in accordance with the provisions of prevailing regional planning policy. The first point made by the Planning Department of Mid Ulster Council under the Pre Application Discussion process on this proposal was that the site falls mostly within an area of open space. Policy OS1 of PPS8 has a presumption against the loss of open space and will not permit development that would result in the loss of existing open space or land zoned for the provision of open space, unless in exceptional circumstances.

It was made clear at the PAD stage that the onus lay with the applicant to set out the exceptions and demonstrate how these will outweigh the loss of open space. The exceptions are set out in policy OS1.

A supporting letter which was jointly prepared by the agent and the Education Authority setts out the substantial community benefits;

- -Community, parental and family involvement in the school will bring a range of benefits and, in particular, can have a positive impact on the educational achievement of children and young people within the local area. The Department of Education (DE) /Education Authority (EA) is therefore committed to building stronger links between the school and the community they serve;
- -Article 140 of the Education Reform (NI) order 1989 enables that the school will make provision for wider community usage of their premises when not otherwise required for education purposes. DE/EA will encourage the school to do so through programmes such as extended schools, 'full service' programmes and the school improvement policy, 'Every School a Good School';
- -The new school will make their premises available for use by members of the community served by the school. This will provide modern fit for purpose community facilities for the wider local community in the Coalisland area and ensure that Gaelscoil Ui Neil is a sustainable school in the wider area.

It is my view that this school will bring substantial community benefits for the this area and the wider area of Coalisland. The proposal also includes a nursery, which will provide a safe and secure educational environment for young children in this area,

providing an essential source of child care and will provide substantial community benefit.

While demonstrating substantial community benefits to overcome the loss of open space is one of the exceptions contained within policy OS1, there are also other exceptions. Another exception to OS1 will also be permitted where it is demonstrated that the loss of open space will have no significant detrimental impact on the amenity, character or biodiversity of an area and where an area of open space of 2 hectares or less, alternative provision is made by the developer which is at least as accessible to current users and at least equivalent in terms of size, usefulness, attractiveness, safety and quality.

The area of open space being lost is less than 2 ha, and contains a substantial kids playing area that contains slides, swings, climbing frames/areas, soft play areas etc. The adjacent application, LA09/2019/1016/F, which is being assessed alongside this proposal, is for a new Community, Health and Well Being Hub for Gortgonis and the wider Coalisland Community, and includes a new leisure centre, running track, links to the Canal and Canal Walk, a new children's play area which will be formally laid out with different areas for different ages and vehicular access improvements. This proposal was granted permission at June 2022 Planning Committee. Council plans to deliver this scheme are well advanced and there is no reason at this stage to believe that the scheme will not be delivered. I am satisfied that the area of open space that will be lost will be adequately compensated for in the adjacent planning application which will be as accessible to current users and at least equivalent in terms of size, usefulness, attractiveness, safety and quality. I am satisfied that the amenity, character and biodiversity in the will not suffer detriment from this redevelopment, and these will be assessed in more detail later in this report.

It is my view that there is sufficient information to demonstrate that the policy constraints of OS1 of PPS8 can be satisfactorily overcome in this instance.

The immediate area is a densely populated residential area. The proposed new school means that locals can walk to the school and nursery, reducing the reliance on the private motor vehicle. There will be good pedestrian links, this location for a school will feed into the aims and objectives of Sustainable Development as laid out in the SPPS and RDS. There are also a pedestrian link from the Canal to the new development.

Policy SETT1 of the DSTAP states that favourable consideration will be given to development proposals within development limits provided they are sensitive to the size and character of the settlement in terms of scale, form, design and use of materials. This proposal for the Gaelscoil onto this site is in keeping with the character of the area. It is not introducing an unacceptable use to the area. The new buildings are acceptable in terms of their scale and design and they will not detract from the character of the area.

COM1 Community Uses also permits community uses such as schools, within settlement limits provided certain criteria are met. The school and nursery will not have a significant detrimental impact on amenity, will not prejudice the comprehensive development of zoned land, will not conflict with any recognised conservation interests, is in keeping with the size and character of this area of Coalisland, has sufficient infrastructure, has adequate access, parking and sewage disposal arrangements, and, is in accordance with prevailing regional planning policies, and requirements and guidance contained within the Plan.

AGRI1 Community Woodlands states that favourable consideration will be given to proposals for ancillary development at these sites that will compliment or facilitate the provisions of the Community Woodland. This proposal for the new school will take in only a small part of the community woodland zoning. While no direct links are provided to the community woodland from this site, there are pedestrian links provided through the adjacent development for the Community, Health and Well Being Hub. The proposal for the new school also provides additional landscaping to augment existing woodland and to compensate for some tree loss through this development. A secure and continuous boundary is required around this new development for obvious reasons, and I find that overall, with links provided via the adjacent development, that this proposal is acceptable.

Environmental Health have provided comment and do not raise any concerns or objections in relation to this proposal. Children playing at break and lunch time will occur from time to time, and cars dropping and collecting children may cause some amenity impacts from time to time but these will be only for a brief period and will not continue constantly throughout the day. Given the community benefits that this proposal will bring in this location, I find these impacts to be acceptable and will not cause prolonged periods of significant detrimental impacts to nearby residential amenity.

There is adequate sewage provision for the school to connect and this is confirmed by NIW.

Dfl Roads do not raise any concern over parking and access subject to a condition that no works commence on this proposal until the enabling works granted under LA09/2018/1329/F have been put in place, including visibility splays, forward sight distances and right hand turning lanes. These works will significantly improve the safety of road users along this stretch of road, which the objector claims is currently very dangerous. As there will be an improvement in road safety the objectors concern in relation to road safety issues are not determining in this case and I am satisfied that the policies contained within PPS3 are met.

The school is of an acceptable design for this area, and given the existing building that will be replaced, will not look out of place on this site or in this area. Historic Environment Division confirm that the proposal will not have any detrimental impacts on the Coalisland Canal close to the site which is a historic monument. No works are proposed to the canal an schedule monument consent is not required in this case. As such, the proposal does not offend any policies contained within PPS6.

NIEA and Shared Environmental Services were consulted in relation to the proposal and do not raise any objections. I am content that the proposal will not have any significant negative environmental impacts.

SES have assessed the proposals potential impact on Special Protection Areas, Special Areas of Conservation and Ramsar sites in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 43 (1) of the Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (as amended). Having considered the nature, scale, timing, duration and location of the project it is concluded that, provided mitigation is conditioned in any planning approval, the proposal will not have an adverse effect on site integrity of any European site.

Rivers Agency were consulted on the proposal and confirm that the site is not impacted by any flood plain, however required a Drainage Assessment due to the size of the development. A Drainage Assessment was supplied and Rivers Agency confirm that the conclusions of the DA are acceptable and that a Schedule 6 Drainage Consent to Discharge has been granted for this site. Policies contained within PPS15 Planning and Flook Risk have been met.

Other material considerations

This application being categorised as major has complied with the requirements of the Planning (Development Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015.

The site is located within an area designated as having abandoned mines. GSNI were consulted and do not raise any concerns in terms of land stability.

No land contamination has been identified.

In conclusion I am satisfied that this is a high quality development that will provide a positive contribution to the local community of this area of Coalisland, and delivers on the aims and objectives of sustainable development.

Neighbour Notification Checked

Yes

Summary of Recommendation:

That planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions;

Conditions

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 5 years from the date of this permission.

Reason: As required by Section 61 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

2. Prior to works commencing on site, all existing trees shown on drawing No. 09 date stamp received 18/10/2018, shall be protected by appropriate fencing in accordance with British Standards 5837:2012. No retained tree shall be cut down, uprooted or destroyed, or have its roots damaged within the Crown Spread nor shall arboricultural work or tree surgery be carried out on any retained tree other than in accordance with the approved plans or particulars, without the approval of the Planning Authority. All retained trees shall be permanently retained thereafter, unless otherwise agreed.

Reason: To protect the biodiversity value of the site, including protected species.

3. All proposed landscaping shall be carried out in accordance with details indicated on drawing No. 09 date stamp received 18/10/2018 within the first available planting season from the commencement of development hereby approved, and shall be permanently thereafter, unless otherwise agreed with Council.

Reason: To enhance and safeguard existing biodiversity in the area, and in the interest of visual amenity.

4. The development hereby approved shall not commence until the vehicular accesses, including visibility splays, any forward sight distance and right turn lanes, have been provided in accordance with application LA09/2018/1329/F, Drawing No. 06 Rev 1 bearing the date stamp 04 March 2022, and shall be permanently retained thereafter. The area within the visibility splays and any forward sight line shall be cleared to provide a level surface no higher than 250mm above the level of the adjoining carriageway and such splays shall be permanently retained and kept clear thereafter.

Reason: To ensure there is a satisfactory means of access in the interests of road safety and the convenience of road users.

Informatives

- 1. This approval does not dispense with the necessity of obtaining the permission of the owners of adjacent dwellings for the removal of or building on the party wall or boundary whether or not defined.
- 2. This permission does not alter or extinguish or otherwise affect any existing or valid right of way crossing, impinging or otherwise pertaining to these lands.
- 3. This permission does not confer title. It is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that he controls all the lands necessary to carry out the proposed development.

Signature(s)	
Date:	

ANNEX			
Date Valid 18th October 2018			
Date First Advertised	1st November 2018		
Date Last Advertised			
The Owner/Occupier, 17 Gortgonis Road Coalisland Tyrone The Owner/Occupier, 19 Gortgonis Road Coalisland Tyrone The Owner/Occupier, 2 Torrent Drive Coalisland Tyrone The Owner/Occupier, 20 Gortevin Terrace, Dungannon, BT71 The Owner/Occupier, 21 Gortgonis Road Coalisland Tyrone The Owner/Occupier, 26 Gortgonis Road, Coalisland, Tyrone, The Owner/Occupier, 28 Gortgonis Road, Coalisland, Tyrone, The Owner/Occupier, 3 Derryowen Place, Coalisland, Tyrone, The Owner/Occupier, 4 Derryowen Place Coalisland Tyrone The Owner/Occupier, 6 Gortevin Terrace, Dungannon, BT71 4 Joe Quinn No Address Given Date of Last Neighbour Notification	4LX. BT71 4QF BT71 4QF T71 4ST,		
Date of EIA Determination	24th October 2018		
ES Requested	No		
Notification to Department (if relevant Date of Notification to Department: Response of Department:			



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Committee Application

Summary		
Committee Meeting Date: Item Number:		
Application ID: LA09/2020/0557/F	Target Date:	
Proposal: Retention of filtration unit for a plasma cutter including its proposed enclosure (Additional Information Noise Assessment Provided)	Location: Premises at 51 and 55 Knockanroe Road Cookstown	
Referral Route: 1. Objections from a third party.		
Recommendation:	Approval	
Applicant Name and Address: Reid Engineering Ltd 55 Knockanroe Road Cookstown	Agent Name and Address: Ross Planning 9a Clare Lane Cookstown BT80 8RJ	
Executive Summary:	,	
Signature(s):		

Case Officer Report

Site Location Plan



Consultations:

Consultation Type	Consultee	Response
Non Statutory	Environmental Health Mid Ulster Council	Substantive Response Received
Statutory	DFI Roads - Enniskillen Office	Advice

Representations:

Letters of Support	None Received
Letters of Objection	4
Number of Support Petitions and signatures	No Petitions Received
Number of Petitions of Objection and signatures	No Petitions Received

Characteristics of the Site and Area

The site lies in the open countryside and outside any settlement limits as defined in the Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan 2010. The surrounding countryside is rural in character and is characterised by agricultural fields, detached dwellings on single plots

and farm complexes. The site comprises a small shed at the Reid Engineering site, the extended blue line includes the rest of the site and a number of dwellings which have a roadside frontage.

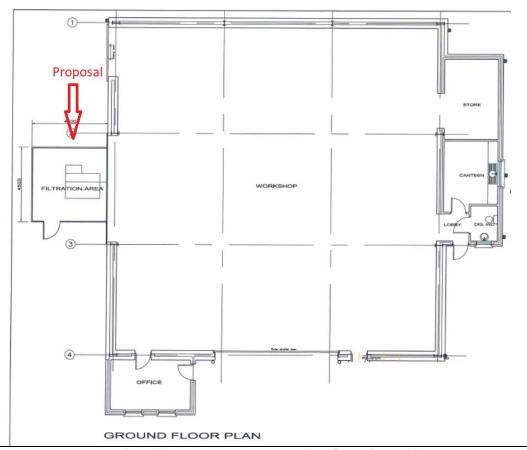


The small square shaped shed is the subject of this application and is finished in grey metal sheeting on the walls to match the existing larger shed (see below). There is a yard area surrounding the shed and is accessed via a sweeping access road off Knockanroe Road.



Description of Proposal

This is a full application for the retention of filtration unit for a plasma cutter including its proposed enclosure at premises at 51 and 55 Knockanroe Road, Cookstown.



Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations

Section 45(1) of the Planning Act (NI) 2011 requires the Council, in dealing with an application, to have regard to the local development plan (LDP), so far as material to the application, and to any other material considerations. Section 6(4) requires that the determination of proposals must be in accordance with the LDP unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Representations

Press advertisement and neighbour notification have been carried out in line with the Council's statutory duty.

At the time of writing, a number of third party objections were received from Ms Reid who owns a property abutting the boundary of the site for Reid Engineering.

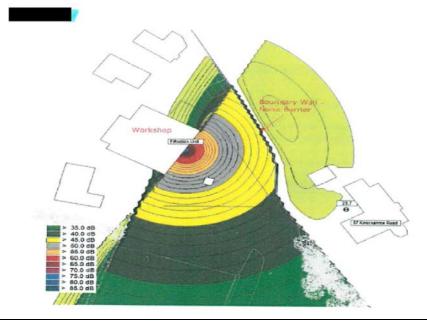
The first objection letter was received by email on the 9th July 2020. The main issues related to the description of 'extension to existing engineering shed' and there is no mention of the filtration area inside the shed. The objector stated this description was not accurate as it did not mention the filtration unit inside the building and questioned whether Environmental Health had been consulted.

The second objection letter was received on the 23rd September 2020. The main issue states that the filtration unit was not permitted development as condition 2 of planning

approval I/2014/0246/F states no further openings or roller shutters doors shall be constructed in the interests of neighbouring residential amenity. In addition condition 15 of I/2014/0246/F states that under the 2015 PD regulations there shall be no additional plant or machinery shall be operated in any open space outside of a building. The objector also states the roller shutter doors are routinely open. Also in the objector's opinion there is already a plasma cutter with a filtration system but has never been operational. In this letter the objector also states the proposed siting of the filtration unit and shed will encroach onto a lorry turning circle detailed in planning approval I/2014/0246/F. The objector is of the opinion since the original approval this is the 2nd extension to the shed since 2019 and there is a piecemeal approach to the site and there is an ongoing negative impact on amenity/noise.

The third objection letter was received on the 2nd December 2020. The main issue states the application is for the shed only and does not reference the filtration system which does not have planning permission. Again, the objector reiterates the proposal is in breach of conditions of planning approval I/2014/0246/F.

The fourth objection letter was received on the 12th May 2021. The main issue in this objection relates to the AONA Environmental BS 4142 noise assessment conducted as per Environmental Health's consultation response. In the EH response it is stated the noise from the filtration system is 3.3 dB below existing background noise levels which would not impact residential amenity. The objector states that the noise assessment is not accurate as it is claimed the filtration unit is not just operating a few hours a day as stated by the applicant but is operating all day every day sometimes up to 10pm at night. The AONA noise assessment states the filtration unit's predicted noise level is 29.7db at 1.5m in height at the receiver location. The drawing prediction shows no noise beyond the boundary wall. The objector referenced a previous noise assessment by Lester acoustics as part of planning approval LA09/2017/1426/F. In this assessment the effectiveness of the boundary wall was measured and the ground floor window is at a height of 1.8m and the boundary wall does not provide a noticeable reduction. Also the first floor window is at a height of 4.5m and the boundary wall provides no protection at all. The objector has stated the AONA noise assessment does not take into account the cumulative impact of the noise at the site.



The fifth objection was received on the 23rd of August 2021. The issues raised were surrounding the validity of the Noise impact assessment, and suggests it does not consider the cumulative impact. The objection also suggests that this extension will cause an intensification of use on the site, and the site can no longer accommodate this piecemeal development.

A sixth objection was received on the 14th of December 2021. This objection outlined further concerns with the AONA noise impact assessment and suggested EHO carry out their own assessment of noise levels. The objection also raises concerns the machine is operating out of business hours as well as concerns relating to the accuracy of the P1 form.

A seventh Objection was received on 13th April 2022 and again questions the accuracy of the undertaken noise impact assessment, it reports increased levels of noise from the site and suggests conditions in the event of approval and also reiterates previous concerns. This objection was accompanied by a Council noise report from the site and a video of the site from the window of the neighbouring property.

Planning History

I/2010/0091/LDE - Storage and fabrication of structural steel and associated items - 55 Knockinroe Road, Cookstown, BT80 8RX - Permitted Development

I/2010/0253/F — Proposed extension and alterations to existing engineering workshop/store & ancillary accommodation - 55 Knockinroe Road, Cookstown, BT80 8RX — Permission Granted 30.11.2010

I/2013/0110/F - Proposed retention of offices for engineering works - 55, Knockanroe Road. Stewartstown –Permission Granted 05.07.2013

I/2014/0074/F - Proposed alteration of existing access and laneway - To the rear of 51 Knockanroe Road Stewartstown Dungannon BT71 5LX - Permission Granted 30.06.2017

I/2014/0246/F - Proposed retention of engineering workshop to include store and ancillary accommodation and storage yard - 55, Knockanroe Road, Cookstown – Permission Granted 28.06.2017

LA09/2017/1426/F - Proposed retention of boundary wall and the alteration of ground levels to provide concrete finish to hardcored yard (acoustic assessment received) - 55 Knockanroe Road, Cookstown – Permission Granted 17.02.2020

LA09/2016/1015/F - Proposed reorganisation of general industrial site including the retention and extension of the existing metal fabrication shed, the construction of 2 No. sheds for spraying and storage of metal, proposed acoustic walls, new landscaping and associated works (agent's rebuttal to objectors NIA) - Reid Engineering Site, lands at 51 and 55 Knockanroe Road, Cookstown – Permission Refused 19.12.2017

Consultees

Environmental Health were consulted and as the proposal is for the retention of a filtration unit in a new shed a Noise Assessment was required. Subsequently this was submitted

and the assessment stated the noise level from the filtration unit is 3.3db which is at level which would not impact on residential amenity. Numerous consultations with EHO were carried out and their final response gave consideration to all the objections and the acoustic information submitted. Their comment stated 'The acoustic consultancy has shown that noise from the filtration system is not contributing to the noise emanating from within the blue line as shown on drawing number 01 date stamped 6th May 2020. As noise due to the filtration system is more than 10 dB below existing noise levels then EHO have no objection to this proposal.'

DFI roads were consulted and are content there is no intensification of use at the site and require visibility splays of 2.4m x 60m in both directions at the access.

Mid Ulster Development Plan 2030 – Draft Plan Strategy

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Cookstown Area Plan 2010

The plan offers no specific policy relevant to this application as the site lies outside any settlement limits or other designations as defined in the Cookstown Area Plan 2010.

The Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland sets out the Departments Regional Planning Policies and provides guidance for the Councils to take into account in their Local Development Frameworks. Until the Council has adopted its own LDP, current regional policy as set out in the suite of Published Planning Policy Statement provides the planning policies for consideration unless the SPPS provides a different policy direction or offers clarification, and then the policy in the SPPS is given determining weight. I do not consider the SPPS has changed any policies in relation to economic development within the countryside.

Planning Policy Statement 4 – Planning and Economic Development Policy PED3– Expansion of established economic development use in countryside

The proposal is for the retention of an extension to the existing shed and the extension is modest in scale and massing. The building is $20m^2$, 4.5m in height with a lean to roof. The external finishes will match the existing shed. The building is proposed to serve as a filtration unit. On balance I am content the scale, massing and use will not detract from the character of the site or the surrounding area. There are no critical views of the proposed extension from the public road and there is no major increase in the site area.

PPS 4 – Policy PED 9 General Criteria for Economic Development

The extension is for a filtration unit and as the building is attached to an existing engineering workshop, I am content this is compatible with the surrounding land use. It is my opinion that the proposal will not cause significant harm to the amenity of nearby residents. A thorough noise impact assessment was carried out and assessed by the EHO who also gave substantial consideration to the objectors concerns and their conclusion is

that the noise create by the proposal below existing levels and therefore they offer no objection to this proposal.

There are dwellings surrounding the site, and in particular no.57, but as the proposal is modest in scale I am content there will not be an unacceptable impact on neighbour amenity in terms of noise, pollution, loss of light. There are no issues with emissions or effluent. The proposal will have no impact on the existing access. It is stated on the P1 form there is no expected increase in persons or vehicles attending the site. The objector raised a query surrounding the validity of this point, however, I visited the site on three occasions and did not witness any exceeding levels of vehicle movement. In addition DFI visited and assessed the site and did not offer any objection. A movement pattern was not required. There is no outside storage as part of the proposal.

Neighbour Notification Checked

Summary of Recommendation:

The proposal is recommended for approval as it complies with all the relevant policies in PPS 4.

Yes

Conditions

1. This decision notice is issued under Section 55 of The Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

Reason: This is a retrospective application.

2. The hours of operation for the proposal shall be as follows

Monday to Friday 08:00 – 18:00 hours Saturday 08:00 – 14:00 hours Sundays No operations

Reason: To protect nearby residential amenity

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Development Management Officer Report Committee Application

Summary			
Committee Meeting Date:	Item Number:		
Application ID: LA09/2020/0729/F	Target Date:		
Proposal:	Location:		
Proposed site for 5 no detached dwellings and garages (inclusion of footpath along public road) (additional plans received re footpath provision)	40m West of 16 Annaghmore Road Coalisland		
Referral Route: Recommendation to app	rove, with objections.		
Recommendation: Approve			
Applicant Name and Address:	Agent Name and Address:		
Mr Conor Tennyson	CMI Planners Ltd		
39 Cloghog Road	38b Airfield Road		
Coalisland	Toomebridge		
BT71 5EH	Magherafelt		
	BT41 3SG		
Executive Summary:	1		
Recommendation to approve, meets planning policy, there are a number of objections.			
Signature(s):			

Case Officer Report

Site Location Plan



Representations:

Letters of Support	None Received
Letters of Objection	15
Number of Support Petitions and signatures	No Petitions Received
Number of Petitions of Objection and signatures	No Petitions Received

Summary of Issues

In summary, concern has been raised by objectors in the following areas;

- -detrimental impact on the environment;
- -detrimental impact on visual and residential amenity;
- -contrary to planning policy and rural planning policy;

-proposal will cause damage to private property, increase risk of accidents, 3rd party land may be required;

- -road safety issues;
- -maintenance concerns;
- -accuracy of plans;
- -procedural concerns including neighbour notification.

These concerns will be considered later in my report.

Description of Proposal

This is a full planning application for 5 no detached dwellings and garages with the inclusion of a footpath along public road.

Characteristics of the Site and Area

The site is located within the development limits of Annaghmore, a small village located approx.. 1.7km east of Coalisland, as defined in the Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan 2010.

At present the site is an agricultural field used for rough grazing. There is a mature tree lined hedgerow along the southern boundary. The western boundary is adjacent to a small public road that loops from Gortgonis Road to Annaghmore Road, and this boundary is defined by an agricultural field gate that provides access to the field, a small grass verge behind which grows and tree lined hedgerow.

The northern boundary is shared with 2 private detached dwellings to the north, and is defined by a patchy tree lined hedgerow, and some fencing.

The eastern boundary, where it is proposed to access the new development, is defined by some trees and hedging.

To the south of the site is open countryside where there is a character of dispersed single dwellings and small farm holdings, with land being used mostly for agricultural purposes. To the NW of the site there are some industrial development along Gortgonis Road. To the north is the village of Annaghmore, which has its own local services and businesses, and there is a primary school nearby, however the predominant landuse within the village is residential of a mix variety, including detached singe and 2 storey, semi-detached 2 storey, and terraced dwellings.

Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations

Planning Act 2011

Section 45(1) of the Planning Act (NI) 2011 requires the Council, in dealing with an application, to have regard to the local development plan (LDP), so far as material to the application, and to any other material considerations. Section 6(4) requires that the

determination of proposals must be in accordance with the LDP unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy was launched on 22nd February 2019 and is now a material planning consideration in assessing all planning applications in the District. Re-consultation on the Draft Plan Strategy closed at 5pm on 24th September 2020. The period for Counter Representations closed on 18th December 2020. On the 28th May 2021 the Council submitted the draft Plan Strategy to DFI for them to cause and Independent Examination. In light of this, the draft Plan Strategy does not yet carry determining weight.

Area Plan

Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan 2010- The site is located within the development limits of Annaghmore, just within the edge of the development limits. Land is not zoned for any specific use. As the site is for housing policies SETT1 and PPS7 apply.

In the area Area Plan it is outlined that housing development would normally be permitted provided the scale, layout, details and finishes are compatible with the scale and character of the settlement. Accordingly housing development in excess of 15 units will not normally be permitted.

Key Planning Policy

RDS 2035

SPPS- Strategic Planning Policy Statement

PPS7 Quality Residential Developments

PPS3 Access, Movement and Parking

PPS2 Natural Heritage

Design Guides

Creating Places

3rd party objections

A number of 3rd party objections have been received in relation to this development and the concerns are listed as follows:

- -would lead to an unacceptable increase in traffic;
- -increase road safety risk, would stop grandchildren walking to school down a lane;
- -resident told that area was greenbelt and that no development would take place on the site, can't understand how housing could be approved on site;
- -concern that the footpath along the road frontage that will link into the existing public footpath network will cause damage to the front boundary hedge and wall of existing property;
- -that pedestrians crossing in front of existing driveways will increase road safety risk and will create additional dangers that do not currently exist:
- -that the foot path provision will require part of private land;
- -where will existing poles be relocated?
- -concern raised over information on drawing showing footpath and private street provision;
- -A number of questions posed to clarify information on drawings;
- -details of wall construction, appearance and maintenance not properly provided;
- -concern raised over the proposed construction of the footway and associated road safety issues;
- -a number of questions are also posed that if a footpath is built, who would maintain it, who would maintain any retaining structures, details of accommodation works at the entrance of 109 for a pedestrian vehicle conflict or legalities of damage/accidents if they were to occur? Who would be responsible for the hedge if it dies? Etc.
- -a question is raised over how finished floor levels of 109 was obtained;
- -concerns raised over neighbour notification and procedural aspects of case;
- -detrimental impact on horizon and landscape character of area;
- -Views would be lost;
- -detrimental impact on private rear amenity, increase in traffic noise;
- -development proposed on a dangerous corner;
- -due to narrowness of road at this point, lorries mount verge to allow passing traffic, the creation of a footpath would be dangerous as large vehicles would mount to allow other vehicles to pass, this would cause road safety issues;
- -the access to the proposed development will conflict with an oil delivery business opposite, creating further road safety concerns;

- -development will lead to an urbanisation of the area;
- -No need for additional in this area of Annaghmore and the site is not within the traditional housing zone of Annaghmore;
- -by approving this may lead to additional houses on adjacent land;
- -proposal will have a detrimental impact on house price;
- -an elevated housing development in this area will have a detrimental impact on the character of this area;
- -would create ribbon development;
- -detrimental impact on local wildlife;
- -development would lead to loss of trees, and view would be replaced with housing;
- -by approving this development would demonstrate Planning Authorities disregard for countryside policy areas and greenbelt areas;
- -concern over if the impact on protected trees, hedges and local eco-system have been considered;
- -proposal would demonstrably harm the amenities enjoyed by existing residents, including safety for kids to play, valuable green space, privacy and the right to enjoy a quiet and safe residential environment;

All concerns have not been listed exhaustively, however they can be grouped as follows;

- -detrimental impacts on residential and visual amenity;
- -road safety concerns;
- -housing in this area not needed;
- -unacceptable development in the countryside;
- -procedural concerns raised over neighbour notification and requirement of plans to be described in greater detail;
- -impact on environment and tree loss;
- -potential detrimental impact/damage to private property.

Planning History

No relevant site history

Consideration

This residential proposal lies within the development limits of Annaghmore, a small village close to Coalisland. Objectors claim that this site is within an area of greenbelt/countryside and that rural planning policy should apply and be considered. This is not the case, it is clear in the Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan that this site is located within development limits. Concerns raised over ribbon development and other rural planning policies cannot be considered in this case, as the site is not located in the countryside. The proposal is located within defined development limits and planning policies SETT1 of the Area Plan and PPS7 Quality Residential Developments are applicable in this case.

PPS 7 - Quality Residential Environments.

-The first criteria is that the development respects the surrounding context and is appropriate to the character and topography of the site in terms of layout, scale, proportions, massing and appearance of buildings, structures and landscaped and hard surfaced areas;

The village of Annaghmore is defined by industrial and residential development. Throughout the settlement there are quite large residential parks, and the area has become quite urbanised. There are a vast mix of housetypes in the arear and throughout the village. This site is located on the edge of development limits, with countryside to the south. It is proposed to plant a 5m landscape buffer to the eastern boundary and retain a mature tree lined boundary to the south. This will help define the boundary between village and countryside. The design of the dwellings are traditional in nature, with vertical emphasis in window openings, front projection on the doorway, off the wall dormer windows, chimney centrally on the ride and symmetrical roof pitch. Given the proximity to the open countryside, this is a sensitive design type that is in keeping with the design of dwellings in the area, and respects its setting on the edge of the development limits. The design, scale and massing respect the character of the area. I do not believe that this is an overly elevated site within Annaghmore and that 2 storey dwellings will spoil the visual character of this area, and the objectors concerns in this regard are not determining in this respect.

-Second Criteria. Features of the archaeological and built heritage, and landscape features should be identified and, where appropriate, protected and integrated in a suitable manner into the overall design and layout of the development;

No archaeological or built heritage interests have been identified in this area, and no constraints are indicated on our spatial search or in the Area Plan. Historic Environment Division were not consulted on this proposal. Objectors do not raise any concerns in this regard.

Existing trees along the southern and western boundaries will be retained. Some trees along the eastern boundary will be removed to allow for access provision, however, a

new 5m wide landscape buffer will be planted along the eastern boundary to compensate for this loss. The site is not located within any environmentally protected areas, and the agricultural field itself is thought to be of low biodiversity value. Boundary hedging, where possible, will be retained.

-Third Criteria. PPS 7 QD1 also requires that adequate provision is made for public and private open space and landscaped areas as an integral part of the development. Where appropriate, planted areas or discrete groups of trees will be required along site boundaries in order to soften the visual impact of the development and assist in its integration with the surrounding area;

A communal area of open space is proposed along the northern boundary of the site. There is also adequate private rear amenity space provided for each of the dwellings which is in keeping with Creating Places. A landscape buffer of 5m wide will be planted along the eastern boundary and this will help differentiate between village limits and the open countryside to the east and south of the site. I am satisfied that there will be adequate landscaping to soften the impact of these dwellings in this location.

Objectors raise concern that removal of trees on this site will interrupt views, and that houses in this prominent site will be development on the horizon and will ruin the character of this area. It is my view that sufficient landscaping will be retained to provide a backdrop for development, and new buffer landscaping will also limit the impact of these houses within Annaghmore Village. There is no policy restricting development on the horizon within urban areas, however consideration has to be given to impact on character and visual amenity. I am satisfied that the proposal will not have a detrimental impact on this area of Annaghmore.

Criteria four requires that adequate provision shall be made for necessary local neighbourhood facilities, to be provided by the developer as an integral part of the development;

The site is located close to local convenience shops and local village services. In my view, given its location and size, this development does not require its own local neighbourhood facilities.

QD1 also requires a movement pattern is provided that supports walking and cycling, meets the needs of people whose mobility is impaired, respects existing public rights of way, provides adequate and convenient access to public transport and incorporates traffic calming measures;

While the access road into the development will be private, DfI Roads raised concern that there would be no safe passage for occupiers of this development to walk into the village of Annaghmore, or indeed gain safe access to the nearby primary school on foot. I share these views and the agent was asked to look at how to provide a footpath that would link into the existing footpath network of the Village. From the proposed access to this development, and along Annaghmore Road towards the village, there is a grass verge, including to the front of No. 109 Gortgonis Road. This verge is in control of DfI Roads. Behind the verge is a hedgerow belonging to No. 109. There is also a verge between No. 109 and the junction of Annaghmore Road and Gortgonis Road. On the opposite side of the junction there is existing footway provision. The agent has carried out survey work, and claims to be able to provide road widening, and acceptable footway provision between his site entrance and the Gortgonis T Junction to the NW. DfI Roads have been consulted on this and on the sixth revision, are content with the footway that is being provided. DfI Roads do not say if any private land will be required for this footpath.

Objections have been received from No. 109, as they are concerned that the footpath may give rise to potential accidents at the entrance to their property, and that the footpath may cause damage to their hedge or garden area. While these are valid concerns, should 3rd party land be required then this will be an issue that will have to settled between the interested parties. Should damage to 3rd party property be caused by the developer then this will be a civil issue.

The developer seems confident that he has control of adequate land to put the footpath in place as per the plans, to carryout road widening, and to construct the footpath and dwarf kerbing without damaging any private property. Cross-sections have been provided to show that the footpath can be put in place without damaging the existing hedgerow. I raised 3rd party concern with the agent, and they are aware that there are objections to this proposal. Given the level of objection, it would be remiss of the developer not to ensure that they have the required land to put the footpath in place. Should any damage be caused to 3rd party property then this will have to be settled as a civil matter between the interested parties. Dfl Roads are content with the construction, and should the footpath be built in accordance with approved plans they will adopt the public footway and will be responsible for its upkeep.

Neighbours were notified and I am content that all adjoining notifiable neighbours were notified.

Another criteria is that the design of the development must draw upon the best local traditions of form, materials and detailing;

I consider that the proposal does reflect the surrounding design context for this village area.

Second last criteria is that the design and layout will not create conflict with adjacent land uses and there is no unacceptable adverse effect on existing or proposed properties in terms of overlooking, loss of light, overshadowing, noise or other disturbance;

5 two storey detached dwellings with associated single store detached garages are proposed. The developer proposes to raise ground level to the rear of No. 95 Gortgonis Road to provide a level building surface. This will raise the ground level by less than 1 meter. Initially it was proposed that a 2 storey dwelling would be sited adjacent to the shared boundary of No. 95. This would have left a separation distance between the rear of No. 95 and the proposed gable of a proposed new dwelling of just over 15m. This would have left a very dominant impact on the existing rear garden area of No. 95. Through negotiation with the agent, the layout was amended, so that the single storey garage would be re-sited to be adjacent to the rear boundary of No. 95, and the 2 storey dwelling set back approx. 7m from the boundary of No. 95, leaving a separation distance of approximately 20m. The first floor window in the new dwelling facing No. 95 is an ensuite bathroom window, and this can be conditioned by opaque so that no overlooking will occur.

A row of 3 x 2 storey detached dwellings will face towards the rear and side amenity space of No.s 95 and 109 Gortgonis Road to the north. There is a separation distance between existing dwellings and these proposed dwellings of over 30m. An area of communal open space is proposed between the new access road into the proposed development and the rear of No. 109, which will separate traffic from directly behind the rear garden area of that property. Plus a 1.8m high rendered block wall is proposed to the private rear garden areas of No. 95 and 109. I am satisfied that the layout will not result in demonstrable detrimental impacts to existing or proposed residential amenity. The block walls will also reduce noise, travel of headlights, and secure privacy for existing dwellings. Environmental Health were consulted on this proposal and raise no residential amenity concerns, I find the objectors' concerns in relation to loss of privacy and amenity to be not determining in this case.

Adequate provision is provided for rear private garden areas to the proposed dwellings, and I am satisfied that there will be no overlooking or overshadowing of neighbouring properties.

The Environmental Health Department were consulted on this proposal. There are some industrial development in the area. Environmental Health has considered the existing noise environment of the area and any current planning conditions in place to protect

residential amenity from nearby noise sources. They are satisfied that sufficient control is in place to ensure that the residential amenity of future occupants will not be impacted, therefore, the Environmental Health department offer no objection to this proposal.

The final criteria is that the development is designed to deter crime and promote personal safety;

The development is considered to be designed to deter crime and promote personal safety. Areas of open space are overlooked by surrounding housing, there are no hidden or secluded areas that would attract anti-social behaviour, and the rear properties of boundaries are secured with appropriate boundary fencing and/or walls.

Policy SETT1

The proposal is also in keeping with policy SETT1 of the Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan, in that it is found to be an acceptable form of development within this village area, and is in keeping with the village setting and character of the area. All the policy points of SETT1 are covered in this report.

PPS3 Access, Movement and Parking

I am satisfied that a safe and satisfactory access to this proposed development can be achieved. The access provision will improve visibility at the corner on which it is situated, which will improve sight visibility and road width for all road users. The provision of the footway will also provide safe access for pedestrians who choose to walk towards the village and the primary school, including for the occupiers of No. 109. In curtilage parking is proposed for the 5 no. detached dwellings. The policy provisions of PPS3 have been met.

PPS2 Natural Heritage

In considering the impact of this proposal on the natural environment and existing biodiversity it is my view that there will be no negative impacts as the site is agricultural of low biodiversity value. The proposal would not be likely to have a significant effect on the features of any European site. There are no open watercourses nearby, and the site is not located within any European Designation. Boundary vegetation will be retained where possible, and compensatory replacement planting will be carried out along the eastern boundary.

Other considerations

No issues of land contamination have been identified on this site.

From the Strategic Flood Maps NI the site does not appear to be within a flood plain or be affected by pluvial ponding. A development of this size does not require a drainage assessment. No open watercourses are being culverted. It is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that acceptable drainage for the site can be achieved, that all drainage consents are in place and that drainage from the site will not have a detrimental impact on neighbouring property. I am satisfied that the policy provisions of PPS15 Planning and Floor Risk are met.

Concern was raised by an objector on how finished floor levels were arrived at. A cross-section drawing has been provided by the agent, along with a block plan which shows difference in levels between existing and proposed development. I find these levels to be acceptable from an amenity impact point of view. There are also levels shown at the access to the proposed site. I am content that there is sufficient information to control levels within the site, and I find this relationship between existing and proposed development to be acceptable. Should the development not be carried out in accordance with levels shown, and this is reported to Council's Planning Department, then it will be at the discretion of our Enforcement Team if this complaint should be investigated and how best to deal with the alleged breach.

I am satisfied that all objectors concerns have been covered and the proposed development will result in a quality residential environment that will not have a negative impact on surrounding property, or village character, road safety or the environment. I am satisfied that the plans are clear and are descriptive on how the development shall be carried out.

No evidence has been presented to suggest that 3rd party land is required for the footpath or visibility splay provision, and the developer is aware of the objections raised in connection with this. All neighbours have been notified in accordance with legislative requirements. Should it be the case that 3rd party land will be required to implement any part of the development, or 3rd party land is damaged during the construction process, or an accident occurs during or after construction then this will be a civil matter between the interested parties to sort out. The Planning Authority does not have the necessary expertise or jurisdiction to adjudicate in such matters, and these are ultimately matters for the Court to decide.

I am satisfied that objector's concerns in relation to this development are not determining in this case, and that this proposal for 5 detached 2 storey dwellings within the limits of

Annaghmore Village is acceptable at this site and locality and will not result in any significant environmental or amenity damage.
Neighbour Notification Checked Yes
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Summary of Recommendation:
That planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions;
Conditions
1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 5 years from the date of this permission.
Reason: As required by Section 61 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.
2. The development hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with levels and cross sections indicated on drawings No. 02 rev6 date received 18/01/2022, No. 10 rev1 date received 17/12/2020, and, No. 12 date received 10/05/2022, unless otherwise agreed in writing with Mid Ulster council.
Reason: To ensure a quality residential environment and to protect existing and proposed residential amenity.
3. Prior to the occupation of any dwelling hereby approved, the area of open space shall be put in place and sewn out with grass seed, unless otherwise agreed.
Reason: In the interest of visual amenity and to ensure a quality residential environment.
4. Prior to the occupation of any dwelling hereby approved, a document shall be

submitted to Council for agreement detailing how the area of open space will be

and BW2. The agreed management and maintenance plan shall be carried out in

managed and maintained, and this shall include the maintenance of the 1.8m and 1.2m high rendered wall, indicated in drawing No. 02 rev6 date received 18/01/2022 as BW1

accordance with that plan thereafter, by an agreed Management and Maintenance Company, unless otherwise agreed in writing.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity and to ensure a quality residential environment.

5. No dwelling hereby approved shall be occupied until a signed contract with an agreed Management and Maintenance Company for all areas of public open space and communal walls has been put in place, and details of which agreed with Council. All areas of communal open space shall be managed and maintained by that agreed management company thereafter, unless otherwise agreed.

Reason: To ensure that the open space provided is managed and maintained, in perpetuity, in accordance with the Department's Planning Policy Statement 7 (PPS7)-Quality Residential Environments, and Planning Policy Statement 8 (PPS8)-Open Space, Sport and Outdoor Recreation.

6. Prior to the occupation of any dwelling hereby approved, the boundary wall indicated as BW1 and Bw2 on drawing No. 02 rev 6 date received 18/01/2022 and details shown on drawing No. 11 date received 30/09/2020 shall be put in place and permanently retained thereafter.

Reason: To protect existing and proposed residential amenity, and to create a quality residential environment.

7. All boundary treatments within each individual site, including boundary wall and/or fence provision, shall be put in place in accordance with details indicated on drawing No. 02 rev 6 date received 18/01/2022 and details shown on drawing No. 11 date received 30/09/2020 prior to the occupation of that dwelling on that site, and shall be permanently retained thereafter.

Reason: To assist in the provision of a quality residential environment and to safeguard private residential amenity.

8. The existing hedgerow and vegetation along the western and southern boundaries of the site, as indicated on drawing No. 02 rev 6 date received 18/01/2022 shall be permanently retained unless otherwise agreed in writing. No trees or vegetation shall be lopped, topped or removed without the prior consent in writing of the Council unless

necessary to prevent danger to the public in which case a full explanation shall be given to the Council in writing at the earliest possible moment.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity and biodiversity.

9. Within the first available planting season from the commencement of development hereby approved, the 5m wide buffer planting along the eastern boundary and indicated on drawing No. 02 rev6 date stamp received 18/01/2022 shall be put in place and permanently retained thereafter, unless otherwise agreed in writing. No trees or vegetation shall be lopped, topped or removed without the prior consent in writing of the Council unless necessary to prevent danger to the public in which case a full explanation shall be given to the Council in writing at the earliest possible moment.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity and biodiversity, and to mark the distinction between village and countryside.

10. If within a period of 5 years from the date of the planting of any tree, shrub or hedge, that tree, shrub or hedge is removed, uprooted or destroyed or dies, or becomes, in the opinion of the Council, seriously damaged or defective, another tree, shrub or hedge of the same species and size as that originally planted shall be planted at the same place, unless the Council gives its written consent to any variation.

Reason: To ensure the provision, establishment and maintenance of a high standard of landscape.

11. The first floor window in house type 03, shown on drawings No. 07 and 08 date received 24/06/2020, shall be of opaque glass.

Reason: To safeguard existing and proposed private amenity.

12. Prior to the commencement of any development hereby approved, the vehicular access, including visibility splays of 2.4m by 65m to the North West, and 2.4m by 70m to the South East, and any forward sight distance, shall be provided in accordance with Drawing No. 02 Rev 6 bearing the date stamp 18 January 2022, and shall be permanently retained thereafter. The area within the visibility splays and any forward sight line shall be cleared to provide a level surface no higher than 250mm above the

level of the adjoining carriageway and such splays shall be retained and kept clear thereafter.

Reason: To ensure there is a satisfactory means of access in the interests of road safety and the convenience of road users.

13. The gradient of the access road shall not exceed 4% (1 in 25) over the first 10m outside the road boundary. Where the vehicular access crosses a footway, the access gradient shall be between 4% (1 in 25) maximum and 2.5% (1 in 40) minimum and shall be formed so that there is no abrupt change of slope along the footway.

Reason: To ensure there is a satisfactory means of access in the interests of road safety and the convenience of road user.

14. No dwelling hereby permitted shall be occupied until the footway indicated on Drawing No 02 Rev 6 bearing the date stamp 18 January has been fully completed in accordance with the approved plans, and shall be permanently retained thereafter, unless otherwise agreed.

Reason: To ensure that the road works considered necessary to provide a proper, safe and convenient means of access to the site are carried out at the appropriate time.

Informatives

- 1. This approval does not dispense with the necessity of obtaining the permission of the owners of adjacent dwellings for the removal of or building on the party wall or boundary whether or not defined.
- 2. This permission does not alter or extinguish or otherwise affect any existing or valid right of way crossing, impinging or otherwise pertaining to these lands.
- 3. This permission does not confer title. It is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that he controls all the lands necessary to carry out the proposed development.
- 4. Dfl Roads advise the following;

The applicant must apply to the Dfl Roads for a licence indemnifying the Department against any claims arising from the implementation of the proposal.

The developer, future purchasers and their successors in title should note that the access way and parking areas associated with this development are, and will remain, private. The Department has not considered, nor will it at any time in the future consider, these areas to constitute a "street" as defined in The Private Streets (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 as amended by the Private Streets (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1992.

Responsibility for the access way and parking areas rests solely with the developer.

Precautions shall be taken to prevent the deposit of mud and other debris on the adjacent road by vehicles travelling to and from the construction site. Any mud, refuse, etc. deposited on the road as a result of the development, must be removed immediately by the operator/contractor.

Not withstanding the terms and conditions of Council?s approval set out above, you are required under Articles 71-83 inclusive of the Roads (NI) Order 1993 to be in possession of the Department for Infrastructure?s consent before any work is commenced which involves making or altering any opening to any boundary adjacent to the public road, verge, or footway or any part of said road, verge, or footway bounding the site. The consent is available on personal application to the Dfi Roads Section Engineer whose address is Main Street Moygashel. A monetary deposit will be required to cover works on the public road.

It is the responsibility of the Developer to ensure that water does not flow from the site onto the public road (including verge or footway) and that existing road side drainage is preserved and does not allow water from the road to enter the site.

The developer is required to enter into a licence agreement with the Department for Infrastructure, Roads for the carrying out of the road works approved, prior to the commencement of any works to the public road network.

Signature(s)		
Date:		

ANNEX	
Date Valid	24th June 2020
Date First Advertised	7th July 2020
Date Last Advertised	23rd February 2021

Details of Neighbour Notification (all addresses)

Brenda & Isobel O'Neill

105 Gortgonis Road, Coalisland, Tyrone, BT71 4QQ

Mr & Mrs Ryan O'Neill

107 Gortgonis Road, Coalisland, Tyrone, BT71 4QQ

Magdala O'Neill

107 Gortgonis Road, Coalisland, Tyrone, BT71 4QQ

The Owner/Occupier,

109 Gortgonis Road Coalisland Tyrone

Stephen McCann & Sharon Trainor

109 Gortgonis Road, Coalisland, Tyrone, BT71 4QQ

Sharon Trainor

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Shane _ Kerri McCann

10A ANNAGHMORE ROAD, COALISLAND, TYRONE, BT71 4QZ

Seamus & Lucia McCann

12 Annaghmore Road, Coalisland, Tyrone, BT71 4QZ

The Owner/Occupier,

16 Annaghmore Road, Coalisland, Tyrone, BT71 4QZ		
Gillian McGrath		
31 Annaghmore Road, Coalisland, Tyron	e, BT71 4QZ	
Pete & Frank O'Neill		
35a Annaghmore Hill, Coalisland, Co Tyro	ne,BT71 4QQ	
The Owner/Occupier,		
95 Gortgonis Road Coalisland Tyrone		
Malachy Hughes		
95 Gortgonis Road, Coalisland, Tyrone, E	3T71 4QQ	
Michael & Teresa Campbell		
99 Gortgonis Road, Coalisland, Tyrone, E	3T71 4QQ	
The Owner/Occupier,		
Annaghmore Primary School,10 Annaghr	more Road,Coalisland,Tyrone,BT71 4QZ	
Sharon & Stephen Trainor & McCann		
EMAIL		
The Owner/Occupier,		
McCann Fuels,12 Annaghmore Rd, Coalisland, Dungannon BT71 4QZ		
Date of Last Neighbour Notification	4th February 2022	
Date of EIA Determination		
ES Requested	No	
Notification to Department (if relevant): NA		
Date of Notification to Department:		
Response of Department:		

16 Annaghmore Road Coalisland Tyrone

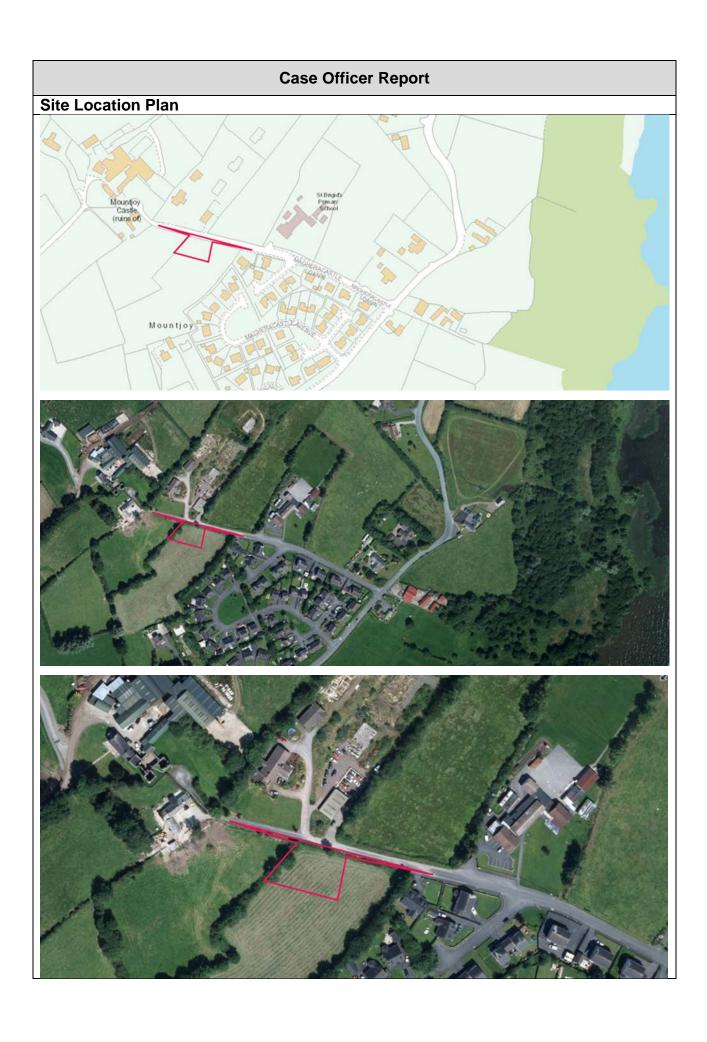
Finbar & Eimear Hughes



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Mid-Ulster Council Offices
50 Ballyronan Road
Magherafelt
BT45 6EN

Development Management Officer Report Committee Application

Summary		
Committee Meeting Date:	Item Number:	
Application ID: LA09/2020/1235/F	Target Date:	
Proposal:	Location:	
Proposed double site for dwellings and	31m South East of 11 Magheracastle Loanin	
garages	Brockagh Coalisland	
Referral Route: Approval contrary to HE	0	
Recommendation: Approve		
Applicant Name and Address:	Agent Name and Address:	
John Hagan	Seamus Donnelly	
142 Mountjoy Road	80A Mountjoy Road	
Brockagh	Aughrimderg	
Coalisland	Coalisland	
	BT71 5EF	
Executive Summary:		
Signature(s):		



Consultations:			
Consultation Type	Consultee		Response
Statutory	DFI Roads - E	nniskillen Office	Standing Advice
Non Statutory	NI Water - Multi Units West - Planning Consultations		Substantive Response Received
Statutory	Historic Environment Division (HED)		Advice
Representations:			
Letters of Support		None Received	
Letters of Objection		None Received	
Number of Support Petitions and signatures		No Petitions Received	
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Characteristics of the Site and Area

The site is located inside and at the edge of the development limits of Brockagh / Mountjoy as defined in the Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan 2010. It sits just north west of St Brigid's Primary School.

Brockagh / Mountjoy is located close to the western shores of Lough Neagh, approx.7 km east of Coalisland. It had comprised largely of single dwellings and farm buildings, but in recent times, has seen some in-depth development to the west of Ballybeg Rd. and to the north of Mountjoy Rd. Some such development located to the north of Mountjoy Rd include Maghercastle Close, Maghercastle Avenue and Maghercastle Loanin, 3 well-established housing developments comprising a mix of detached dwellings.

The site, a relatively flat rectangular plot (approx. ha), is cut from the roadside frontage of a much larger agricultural field bound on all sides by a mix of mature tree and hedgerow vegetation. This field is located immediately to the northwest of the aforementioned housing developments, Maghercastle Avenue and Maghercastle Loanin as such approx. 5 dwellings within Maghercastle Avenue back onto it and 1 dwellings within Maghercastle Loanin is orientated gable end onto it.

As the site, is cut from a larger field it is bound only along its roadside frontage and northwest boundaries by the vegetation bounding the host field, the southwest and east boundaries are open onto the host field. Quite a deep grass verge runs along the frontage of the site / host field. The host field is accessed of the adjacent road via an agricultural gate to east of the site.

The field / site which sits adjacent and to be accessed off the Magheracastle Loanin Rd (2 separate side-by-side accesses proposed, one for each dwelling) sits in a slight hollow in the landscape after passing the adjacent housing developments. However beyond the field / site the lands rises steeply upwards, to the northwest, to the elevated ruins of an old castle, 'Mountjoy Castle', bound by a dwelling and large group of farm buildings. A bungalow sits to the south side of the ruins adjacent a small associated car park.

The site and surrounding area is characterised largely by its edge of settlement limit location, as although development in Brockagh / Mountjoy is visible to the south, the area retains a rural feel due to the predominantly undulating agricultural lands interspersed with single dwellings and farm groups located to its north and east. Having said that, it is noted, to the east of the site just beyond the development limits exist a couple of occupied dwellings and number of others under construction, which creates a relatively built up appearance.

Description of Proposal

This is a full application for two 2-storey dwellings and two single storey ancillary garages to be located on lands 31m South East of 11 Magheracastle Loanin, Brockagh Coalisland.

The dwellings are to be sited in a line (gable facing gable) fronting onto the adjacent Magheracastle Loanin Road, which they are to be accessed off via 2 separate side-by-side accesses and driveways that run parallel between the properties, serving the respective garages to be located to their rear.

The dwellings and garages are identical. The dwellings have a simple rectangular shaped floor plan and a pitched roof construction, with only a single chimney expressed on their ridgeline offset to their northwest gable, and small single storey pitched roof front porch. Similarly, the garages, which have a single roller shutter door in their elevation fronting the Magheracastle Loanin Road, have a simple rectangular shaped floor plan and a pitched roof construction. The dwellings and garages are finished to match.

Finishes include:

- Roof: Black tiles
- Walls: Smooth plaster painted with brick to front elevation, quoins and base of dwellings and garages

Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations

Section 45(1) of the Planning Act (NI) 2011 requires the Council, in dealing with an application, to have regard to the local development plan (LDP), so far as material to the application, and to any other material considerations. Section 6(4) requires that the determination of proposals must be in accordance with the LDP unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The following documents provide the primary policy context for the determination of this application:

Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland

Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan 2010

Planning Policy Statement 3: Access, Movement and Parking

Planning Policy Statement 6: Planning, Archaeology and The Built Heritage

Planning Policy Statement 7: Quality Residential Environments

Planning Policy Statement 7 (Addendum): Safe Guarding the Character of Established

Residential Areas

Creating Places

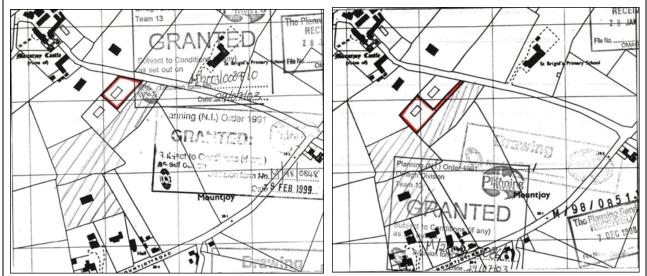
Development Control Advice Note 8 Housing in Existing Urban Areas

The Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy was launched on 22nd February 2019 and is now a material planning consideration in assessing all planning applications in the District. Re-consultation on the Draft Plan Strategy closed at 5pm on 24th September 2020. The period for Counter Representations closed on 18th December 2020. On the 28th May 2021 the Council submitted the draft Plan Strategy to DFI for them to cause an Independent Examination, In light of this, the draft Plan Strategy does not yet carry determining weight.

Relevant History on Site

- M/1998/0848 Proposed Dwelling Adjacent to 170 Mountjoy Rd Magheralamfield Dungannon – Granted 9th February 1999
- M/1998/0851 Proposed Dwelling Adjacent to 170 Mountjoy Rd Magheralamfield Dungannon – Granted 9th February 1999
- M/2002/0086/O Dwelling (renewal of M/1998/0851) Granted 29th July 2003
- M/2002/0087/O Dwelling (renewal of M/1998/0848) Granted 29th July 2003

The above applications, which have expired, related to two dwellings to be located within the same host field one at the roadside adjacent the northwest boundary and the second also located adjacent the northwest boundary, tucked behind the first. See Figs 1& 2 below just for info.



Figs 1 & 2: Granted site location plans of previous but since expired applications on site M/2002/0086/O & M/2002/0087/O.

Consultees

- <u>Dfl (Roads)</u> were consulted in relation to access, movement and parking arrangements for the proposal. Subject to revised Drawing No. 01(Rev.01) bearing the date stamp 21 MAY 2021, Roads had no objection to the proposal subject to standard conditions and informatives. As such, I am content the proposal meets the requirements of Planning Policy Statement 3: Access, Movement and Parking.
- 2. <u>NI Water (Multi Units West)</u> were consulted and raised no objections, that there is available capacity for the proposed development at the receiving Waste Water Treatment Works.

- 3. Historic Environment Division (HED) were consulted as the site is located within the buffer of an archaeological site and monument (Mountjoy Castle, Reference: TYR047:002). HED (Historic Monuments) in order to make an informed and reasonable planning decision responded to request an archaeological evaluation report as per Policy BH 3 of PPS 6. An archaeological evaluation report was subsequently requested, received and forwarded on to Historic Monuments for further comment. Historic Monuments responded to advise they had considered the archaeological evaluation report submitted and accept the findings and recommendations presented within it. That on the basis of the information provided HED Historic Monuments is content that the proposal can be made satisfactory to SPPS and PPS 6 archaeological policy requirements with provisions on ridge height, design and planting. This provision to ensure that the proposed dwellings integrate into the setting of the regionally important State Care Monument include:
 - The proposed dwellings are of low ridge height (no higher than 1 ½ storeys) and vernacular design style and finish to ensure that they integrate into the rural setting of the adjacent monument.
 - Boundary treatment/planting: Any new boundary treatment or augmentation of the existing boundaries should be undertaken using locally prominent native species.

As detailed above Historic Monuments accepted the findings and recommendations presented within the archaeological evaluation. With regards to bullet point 2 above, the existing mature hedgerow along the northwest boundary of the site is to be retained and augmented; and a new hedgerow is to be planted to the rear of the visibility splays. Any additional planting will be conditioned to be native species. In relation to bullet point 1, this is a full application for two 2 storey dwellings (approx. 7.9m ridge height above FFL) to be located within the settlement limits of Brockagh / Mountjoy, whereby there are a mix of house types including ridge heights, designs and finishes. Many of the aforementioned dwellings, which have brick detailing, and a red brick finished Primary School read in the foreground of Mountjoy Castle from the Mountjoy Road / Magheracastle Lonin Road junction and on the approach from the Magheracastle Lonin Road. In my opinion, the dwellings and garages proposed have simple rectangular shaped floor plans and pitch roof constructions with only the addition of a small single storey front porch and chimney expressed along the ridgeline of the dwellings. The dwellings will benefit from their location in a hollow in the landscape significantly below Mountjoy Castle with the mature hedgerow along the northwest boundary of the site, to be augmented, and the land rising up to the Castle providing them with a soft backdrop to views, enclosing them and visually separating them from the Castle. Overall, I consider the site has the capacity to integrate these two 2-storey dwellings and garages without adverse impact to Mountjoy Castle, as per PPS 6. The dwelling have simple designs and whilst they have brick frontages are located within the settlement limits whereby brick is in the locality. I do not consider the proposed dwellings with a 7.9m ridge would have any significantly greater impact on Mountjoy Castle than a 1 ½ storey

dwelling i.e. 6 / 7 metres as requested by Historic Monuments noting such properties in the immediate vicinity in the foreground of the castle are urban in nature with roof dormers.

The Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan (2010) identifies the site as being within the settlement limits of Brocagh / Mountjoy.

The Plan defines the settlement limits and allows for development within these limits provided it meets with regional policy requirements of Policy SETT 1, including Part 3 of the Plan.

Part 3 of the Plan, gives favourable consideration to housing development in Brocagh / Mountjoy, provided the scale, layout, and detailed design of the development are compatible with the scale and character of the settlement. Accordingly, it outlines developments in excess of five units will not normally be permitted and in order to reinforce local identity, all proposals should be guided and informed by the traditional rural built forms in the locality. Housing developments should reflect the essentially informal rural character of the settlement and not lead either individually or cumulatively to largescale suburban estate type layouts. The use of designs and materials unrelated to the surrounding rural locality will not be acceptable.

Policy SETT 1 sets out 6 criteria and a general criteria to meet with regional policy. I consider that if the development meets with regional policies contained in PPS 3 – Access, Movement and Parking, PPS7 – Quality Residential Environments; and PPS 6: Planning, Archaeology and The Built Heritage it will meet the requirements of SETT1 including Part 3 of the Plan.

Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland – The SPPS has superseded PPS 1 (General Principles). The SPPS advises that planning authorities should simultaneously pursue social and economic priorities alongside the careful management of our built and natural environments for the overall benefit of our society. Its guiding principle is that sustainable development should be permitted, having regard to the development plan and all other material considerations, unless the proposed development will cause demonstrable harm to interests of acknowledged importance. The SPPS gives specific provision for Housing in Settlements subject to a number policy provisions. It does not present any change in policy direction with regards to residential development in settlements. As such, existing policy will be applied i.e. PPS 7 and the Addendum to PPS 7.

Planning Policy Statement 3 – Access, Movement and Parking – The dwellings proposed are to be accessed directly off the adjacent Magheracastle Loanin Road, via 2 separate side-by-side accesses. I am content this proposal is in compliance, with the policy provisions of Planning Policy Statement 3, in that DFI (Roads) raised no objections to it, subject to standard conditions and informatives; and in-curtilage parking for 2 vehicles, to each property, has been provided.

PPS 7 – Quality Residential Environments – PPS 7 is the relevant material planning policy for this type of development within a settlement. All proposals for residential

development will be expected to conform to a number of criteria laid out in the policy. I will deal with these as they appear in the policy.

 (a) the development respects the surrounding context and is appropriate to the character and topography of the site in terms of layout, scale, proportions, massing and appearance of buildings, structures and landscaped and hard surfaced areas;

I am content the proposed dwellings are of an appropriate size, scale, design (including finishes) and layout for the site and locality. That they should integrate on to the site, respecting their surrounding residential context and the character and topography of the site. The development in my opinion will benefit from its location in a relatively flat hollow in the landscape; the vegetation bounding the site, host field and wider vicinity; and land rising to its northwest, which combine to help enclose and provide it with a soft backdrop. I am also content that the proposed development should integrate and not have an adverse impact on the setting of the regionally important State Care Monument Mountjoy Castle located to its northwest as per PPS 6 (see 'Consultees' above).

(b) features of the archaeological and built heritage, and landscape features are identified and, where appropriate, protected and integrated in a suitable manner into the overall design and layout of the development;

I have am content in this regard. Whilst Historic Environment Division) requested amended drawings of a dwelling with a reduced ridge and vernacular design I am content that the proposed development should integrate and not have an adverse impact on the setting the setting of the regionally important State Care Monument Mountjoy Castle located to its northwest as per PPS 6 (see 'Consultees' above).

(c) adequate provision is made for public and private open space and landscaped areas as an integral part of the development. Where appropriate, planted areas or discrete groups of trees will be required along site boundaries in order to soften the visual impact of the development and assist in its integration with the surrounding area;

Public open space is not a requirement for this type of proposal and I am content that private amenity space in excess in excess of the 70m2 average promoted in Creating Places has been provide within the curtilage of each property. The existing mature tree and hedgerow vegetation along the northwest boundary of the site is to be retained and whilst the eastern boundary will have to be removed to provide for access arrangements, a timber fence and small no. of trees are to be placed behind the visibility splays. The aforementioned proposed trees within the site alongside the existing vegetation along the north west boundary, to be reinforced with further planting, will help soften the visual impact of the development, assisting its integration. PPS 7 highlights the integration of development at the edges of settlements, as is the case here, is important and buffer planting, generally of indigenous species (around 8-10 metres in depth), will be required to help assimilate and soften its impact on the countryside. Bearing this guidance in mind I am content the existing mature hedgerow and tree vegetation along the northwest boundary, adjacent the settlement edge, which is to be augmented with additional planting is sufficient to assimilate and soften its impact on the countryside. Given views of the site on the approach from the countryside are from elevated lands at and on the

approach from Mountjoy Castle to the north west any additional planting in my view, would offer limited additional benefit. It would not create any significantly greater integration or screening to the site.

(d) adequate provision is made for necessary local neighbourhood facilities, to be provided by the developer as an integral part of the development;

I am dealing with an application in which local neighbourhood facilities in their own right would not be required.

 (e) a movement pattern is provided that supports walking and cycling, meets the needs of people whose mobility is impaired, respects existing public rights of way, provides adequate and convenient access to public transport and incorporates traffic calming measures;

There are no footway links provided between this development and services located within Brocagh / Mountjoy. Given the peripheral nature of the development on the outskirts of the settlement approx. 30m from a footpath leading to services within, I consider private car access is sufficient.

(f) adequate and appropriate provision is made for parking;

Adequate in-curtilage parking has been provided. Additionally DFI Roads were consulted on this proposal and raised no concerns in respect of in-curtilage parking.

(g) the design of the development draws upon the best local traditions of form, materials and detailing;

The design and finishes of the proposed dwelling and garage are considered acceptable to the site and locality.

(h) the design and layout will not create conflict with adjacent land uses and there is no unacceptable adverse effect on existing or proposed properties in terms of overlooking, loss of light, overshadowing, noise or other disturbance; and

There are no existing dwellings in close proximity to the site to be adversely impacted by the proposal in terms of overlooking or overshadowing. The closest properties being located within Maghercastle Avenue Maghercastle Loanin, approx. 20m to the southeast and on lands further to the northwest at the opposite side of the road. That said it is worth noting the lands within the host field are located within the settlement limits of Brockagh / Mountjoy and may be developed in the future. Paragraph 7.16 of Creating Places advises that there should be a minimum separation distance of 10m between the rear of new houses and the common boundary. I am content that whilst there are currently no dwellings located to the rear of the site, this distance has been provided and will protect the amenity of the proposed properties and any future properties to their rear. In terms of overlooking, the properties have only a 1st floor bathroom windows in one of their gables, the northern which poses no concern in terms given they are not main serving windows. Timber fencing has been proposed to the currently undefined boundaries of the site to help enclose the properties curtilages and alongside a new

hedgerow to be planted between the properties this will again will help protect the proposed properties and any future properties, amenity.

(i) the development is designed to deter crime and promote personal safety

The proposal raises no concerns in relation to crime or personal safety and I am satisfied that the dwelling is in an area where there are enough dwellings close enough by to deter crime to some degree.

On the basis of the above assessment it is clear that the proposal under consideration complies with all the criteria set out in policy QD 1 of PPS 7.

PPS 7 (Addendum) - Safe Guarding the Character of Established Residential Areas I am satisfied that this proposal complies with Policy LC 1 of the Addendum to PPS 7, Protecting Local Character, Environmental Quality and Residential Amenity, in that the proposal will not result in a significantly higher residential density in this area., unit size is not less than recommended in Annex A of this policy and design can be considered under any subsequent reserved matters application.

Other Policy / Material Considerations

In addition to checks on the planning portal DAERA's Natural Environment Division Map Viewer available online has been checked and no natural heritage features of significance were identified on site.

Flood Maps NI indicate no flooding on site.

The proposal for further consideration under any subsequent reserved matters should be under the 15.2m height threshold in the area requiring consultation to Defence Estates relating to Met Office – Radar. Additionally, whilst the site is located within an area of constraint on wind turbines, this proposal is for 2 dwellings.

Taking all of the above into consideration I would recommend the approval of this application.

Neighbour Notification Checked	Yes
Summary of Recommendation	Approve

Conditions

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 5 years from the date of this permission.

Reason: As required by Section 61 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

2. The existing mature trees and vegetation along the northwest boundary of the site shall be retained as detailed on Drawing No. 01(Rev.01) bearing the date stamp 21 MAY 2021. No trees or vegetation shall be lopped, topped or removed without the prior consent in writing of the Council, unless necessary to prevent danger to the public in which case a full explanation shall be given to the Council in writing at the earliest possible moment.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity.

3. All proposed landscaping as detailed on Drawing No. 01(Rev.01) bearing the date stamp 21 MAY 2021, shall be of local native species and carried out during the first available planting season following the occupation of the development hereby approved. Any trees or shrubs which, within a period of 5 years from the completion of the development, die, are removed, or become seriously damaged or diseased shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of similar size and species.

Reason: To ensure the development integrates into the countryside and to ensure the maintenance of screening to the site.

4. No site works of any nature or development shall take place other than in accordance with the programme of archaeological work (Doc.1) bearing the date stamp received 21 JUL 2022.

Reason: To ensure that archaeological remains within the application site are properly identified and protected or appropriately recorded.

5. A programme of post-excavation analysis, preparation of an archaeological report, dissemination of results and preparation of the excavation archive shall be undertaken in accordance with the programme of archaeological work (Doc.1) bearing the date stamp received 21 JUL 2022. These measures shall be implemented and a final archaeological report shall be submitted to Mid Ulster District Council within 12 months of the completion of archaeological site works, or as otherwise agreed in writing with Mid Ulster District Council.

Reason: To ensure that the results of archaeological works are appropriately analysed and disseminated and the excavation archive is prepared to a suitable standard for deposition.

6. The vehicular access, including visibility splays of 2.4 metres by 45 metres and any forward sight distance, shall be provided in accordance with Drawing No. 01(Rev.01) bearing the date stamp 21 MAY 2021, prior to the commencement of any other development hereby permitted. The area within the visibility splays and any forward sight line shall be cleared to provide a level surface no higher than 250mm above the level of the adjoining carriageway and such splays shall be retained and kept clear thereafter.

Reason: To ensure there is a satisfactory means of access in the interests of road safety and the convenience of road users.

7. The gradient(s) of the access road shall not exceed 4% (1 in 25) over the first 10m outside the road boundary. Where the vehicular access crosses a footway, the access gradient shall be between 4% (1 in 25) maximum and 2.5% (1 in 40)

minimum and shall be formed so that there is no abrupt change of slope along the footway.

Reason: To ensure there is a satisfactory means of access in the interests of road safety and the convenience of road user

Informatives

- This permission does not confer title. It is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that he controls all the lands necessary to carry out the proposed development.
- 2. This permission does not alter or extinguish or otherwise affect any existing or valid right of way crossing, impinging or otherwise pertaining to these lands.
- This determination relates to planning control only and does not cover any
 consent or approval which may be necessary to authorise the development under
 other prevailing legislation as may be administered by the Council or other
 statutory authority.
- 4. This permission authorises only private domestic use of the proposed garages and does not confer approval on the carrying out of trade or business there from.
- 5. Department for Infrastructure (Roads) comments:

Precautions shall be taken to prevent the deposit of mud and other debris on the adjacent road by vehicles travelling to and from the construction site. Any mud, refuse, etc. deposited on the road as a result of the development, must be removed immediately by the operator/contractor.

The applicant should contact the Department for Infrastructure Roads Service's Maintenance Section in order that an agreement may be reached regarding maintenance costs and incurred expenses in consequence of any damage caused to the public road.

Not withstanding the terms and conditions of the Council's approval set out above, you are required under Articles 71-83 inclusive of the Roads (NI) Order 1993 to be in possession of the Department for Infrastructure's consent before any work is commenced which involves making or altering any opening to any boundary adjacent to the public road, verge, or footway or any part of said road, verge, or footway bounding the site. The consent is available on personal application to the Roads Service Section Engineer. A monetary deposit will be required to cover works on the public road.

It is the responsibility of the Developer to ensure that water does not flow from the site onto the public road (including verge or footway) and that existing road side drainage is preserved and does not allow water from the road to enter the site.

6. Please see NI Water consultation response dated and scanned to the planning portal on the 23rd November 2020 for information purposes.

7. Please see Historic Environment Division (HED) consultation response dated and scanned to the planning portal on the 6 th May 2022 for information purposes.
Signature(s)
Date:

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Development Management Officer Report Committee Application

Summary		
Committee Meeting Date:	Item Number:	
Application ID: LA09/2021/0268/F	Target Date:	
Proposal: Proposed replacement of existing turbine approved under I/2014/0394/F with an EWT DW54 250KW turbine comprising of 40m hub height and blade span of 27m (overall tip height of 67m). (amended description)	Location: Approximately 210m South East of 40 Gortagammon Road Cookstown	
Referral Route: Committee		
Recommendation:	Refusal	
Applicant Name and Address: Arena Capital Partners Dublin Airport Business Pk 107 Swords Road Santry Dublin	Agent Name and Address: TC Town Planning Unit C12 The Business Centre 80-82 Rainey Street Magherafelt BT45 5AJ	
Executive Summary:	1	
Signature(s):		

Application ID LA09/2021/0268/F

Case Officer Report

Site Location Plan



Consultations:		
Consultation Type	Consultee	Response
Statutory	NIE - Enniskillen	Advice
Statutory	NIEA	Advice
Statutory	Shared Environmental Services	Error
Statutory	Historic Environment Division (HED)	Advice
Statutory	Environmental Health Mid Ulster Council	Additional Information Required
Non Statutory	Belfast International Airport	Substantive Response Received
Non Statutory	National Air Traffic Services	
Non Statutory	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds - Headquarters	Substantive Response Received
Non Statutory	Eircom UK Limited	No Objection
Non Statutory	N.I Water - Windfarms	No Objection
Non Statutory	Ofcom Northern Ireland	
Non Statutory	P.S.N.I. Information And Communications Services	Substantive Response Received
Non Statutory	UK Crown Bodies - D.I.O. LMS	Considered - No Comment Necessary
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Summary of Issues

REFUSAL

Characteristics of the Site and Area

The site is located approximately 210m South East of 40 Gortagammon Road, Cookstown and is accessed via a farm lane, which also serves the dwelling at no.40 Gortagammon Road. Currently on site is a single turbine with 31 m hub height, 29 m rotor diameter, granted under I/2014/0394/F.

The lane way access is from the Gortagammon Road. The site is elevated from the road (sitting at approx. 81.93m), in a large, irregularly shaped agricultural field. While the wider boundary of the field is bounded with hedgerows and stock fencing, it is at a lower level to where the turbine is located and there is no vegetation immediately surrounding the Wind turbine. The surrounding area is predominantly rural.

Description of Proposal

Proposed replacement of existing turbine approved under I/2014/0394/F with an EWT DW54 250KW turbine comprising of 40m hub height and blade span of 27m (overall tip height of 67m). (amended description)

Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations

Planning Act 2011

Section 45(1) of the Planning Act (NI) 2011 requires the Council, in dealing with an application, to have regard to the local development plan (LDP), so far as material to the application, and to

any other material considerations. Section 6(4) requires that the determination of proposals must be in accordance with the LDP unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Cookstown Area Plan 2010: The site is located outside settlement limits and is located in the open countryside.

The Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy was launched on 22nd February 2019 and is now a material planning consideration in assessing all planning applications in the District. Re-consultation on the Draft Plan Strategy closed at 5pm on 24th September 2020. The period for Counter Representations closed on 18th December 2020. The Council are now preparing to submit the draft Plan Strategy to DFI for them to cause and Independent Examination, In light of this, the draft Plan Strategy does not yet carry determining weight.

Key Planning Policy

SPPS Strategic Planning Policy Statement for NI PPS21 Sustainable Development in the Countryside

PPS18 Renewable Energy

PPS2 Natural Heritage

Guidance

Best Practice Guidance to PPS 18 'Renewable Energy'
Wind Energy Development in Northern Ireland Landscapes

Relevant Planning History

Reference	Location	Proposal/Complaint	Status	Date
LA09/2017/0073/F	210m East/South East of 40 Gortagam	Remove Condition No's 4 and 5 of Planning Approval I	PERMISSION GRANTED	02.05.2017
LA09/2021/0268/F	Approximately 210m South East of 40 (Proposed replacement of existing turbine approved und	VALID APPLICATION RECEIVED	
I/2013/0375/F	314m east/north east of 40 Gortagamn	Proposed erection of a wind turbine with a 30m hub hei	PERMISSION GRANTED	13.05.2014
I/2014/0394/F	210m east/south east of 40 Gortagamn	Relocation of previously approved wind turbine applical	PERMISSION GRANTED	10.03.2015
LA09/2017/0038/CA	210m East/South East Of 40 Gortagan	Blade on Turbine is not as approved on application I/20	ENFORCEMENT CASE CLOSED	26.10.2017

3rd Party Objections

NIE objected to the application, NIE networks high voltage overhead lines in very close proximity to the site of the proposed wind turbine. The proposed turbine would infringe on the required NIE Networks safety clearance.

The appropriate advertisement and neighbour notification has been carried out in accordance with Council's statutory duties.

Key Planning Policy

The proposal is for development in the countryside and falls for consideration under PPS21. Policy CTY1 of PPS21 states that Planning Permission will be granted for non-residential development that comply with the relevant PPS. This includes renewable energy projects in accordance with PPS18.

The Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland (SPPS) introduced in September 2015 is a material consideration in determining this application. The SPPS states that a transitional period will operate until such times as a Plan Strategy for the whole of the council area has been adopted. During the transitional period planning authorities will apply existing policy contained within identified policy documents together with the SPPS. Paragraph 1.12 of

the SPPS states that any conflict between the SPPS and any retained policy must be resolved in the favour of the provisions of the SPPS.

The weight attached to the environmental, economic and social benefits that might occur as a result of a renewable energy proposal has changed with the introduction of SPPS. Planning Policy Statement 18 Renewable Energy, RE1 stated that the wider environmental, economic and social benefits of all proposals for renewable energy projects are material considerations that will be given significant weight in determining whether planning permission should be granted. Whereas in relation to renewable energy the SPPS states that appropriate weight should be given.

Therefore only appropriate weight can be given to any environmental, economic and social benefits that might occur as a result of the proposal rather than the significant weight as had been under PPS18 and this proposal will be assessed accordingly.

This proposed turbine has a hub height 9m higher than what is currently insitu (31m hub) and blade length of 27m compared to 29m. This was amended from what was originally submitted with the application in response to NIE networks consultation response, the original size submitted was 50m hub height and 27m blade span.

PPS 18 - Renewable Energy.

There are a number of factors specific to wind turbines that need to be considered when determining an application for planning permission:

Nature Conservation.

No European, National or Local environmental designations on or close to this site. NIEA and Shared Environmental Services do no raise any objections to this proposal.

The potential impact of this proposal on Special Protection Areas, Special Areas of Conservation and Ramsar sites has been assessed in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 43 (1) of the Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (as amended). The proposal would not be likely to have a significant effect on the features of any European site.

Landscape and Visual Impact:

Wind Energy Development in Northern Irelands Landscapes:

The supplementary planning guidance `Wind Energy Development in Northern Irelands Landscapes has been taken into account in assessing this wind turbine proposals. The site lies within Landscape Character Area 42: Cookstown Farmlands, as defined within the NIEA publication Wind Energy Development in Northern Irelands Landscapes where it describes the scenic quality as moderate with an overall sensitivity to wind energy development being high to medium.

The proposed turbine will have a significantly greater visual impact than the existing turbine on site, I find this increase in size and scale to be detrimental to the visual character of this area of landscape. The public road network in this area is of a winding nature, the views of this turbine are consistent over long distances. The turbine is placed on the high point of an agricultural field. I find the visual impact of this turbine at this location to be unacceptable. The applicant has submitted a landscape and visual impact assessment with the application which states that the changes in the turbine model and dimensions will result in only a Minor adverse effect on the overall characteristics of the Cookstown Farmlands LCA (no 42) and minor to moderate adverse effects on the nearest receptors. However, the planning department would disagree with this, as the existing turbine is already prominent in the local area any increase would result in an unacceptable level of promence and a detrimental impact on the locality and neighbouring amenity. Due to the nature of the redline of the site it was not possible to neighbour notify the

nearest receptors. Photo 1 below shows the view from the dwelling located at 54 Gortagammon Road.



The viewpoint from Main street Tullyhogue, Shankey Road, Newmills Road, Annaghhone road, submitted with the landscape and visual impact assessment (Figure 5b,6b, 7b, 8b,) are deemed to be prominent as it stands any further increase in size would result in an unacceptable detrimental impact on the surrounding area and neighbouring amenity.

Other policy considerations:

Ground Water Conditions/Geology:

It is not thought that the turbine will have any impact on the ground water conditions/geology in the area. Land in the area is stable agricultural land and the foundations of the existing turbine are intact with the surrounding land being in a stable condition. NIEA have not raised any concern in this regard.

Archaeology and the Built Heritage:

HED raised concerns that the replacement turbine will provide an adverse impact upon the setting of nearby historic monuments and historic garden sites; on public views from them and on any functional relationship between them. An archaeology and architectural Heritage Assessment Impact Assessment was submitted on 22.02.2022 and HED have been re consulted, at the time of writing this report HED had not responded again, however the Planning Manager was content to proceed to committee based on the grounds for refusal and this would not be impacted on by HED. If a response is received in the interim it will be presented at the Committee meeting.

Noise & Low Frequency Noise:

Environmental Health have been consulted on the Noise Impact Assessment which was submitted along with the application. Additional noise information was required and this has not yet been supplied by the applicant.

Safety:

PPS 18 considers that for small individual turbines, the fall over distance (i.e. the height of the turbine to the tip of the blade) plus 10% is often used as a safe separation distance from a road or building. The location of the turbine ensures that there are no properties or roads within the fall distance of the turbine.

Proximity to Road and Railways:

The turbine is located outside the recommended safe fall distance to any public road or railway.

Proximity to power lines.

NIE objected to the application, NIE networks high voltage overhead lines in very close proximity to the site of the proposed wind turbine. The proposed turbine would infringe on the required NIE Networks safety clearance. NIE were reconsulted on the amended proposal, however despite reminders being issued they still had not responded at the time of writing this report. The Planning Manager was content to proceed to committee at this stage. If a response is received in the meantime it will be presented at the committee meeting.

Electromagnetic Production:

The interference of tv reception/radio interference is unlikely in this single turbine proposal. No objection has been raised by UK Crown Bodies. No objections have been received on the existing turbine in terms of interference on existing electromagnetic links. JRC did not raise any concerns and cleared the turbine at this location.

Aviation interests:

There are no civilian or military air fields in close proximity to the proposal. No objection from National Air Traffic Safety. PPS 18 lays responsibility on the applicant to consult with the relevant bodies prior to submitting the application.

Shadow flicker:

Within the Best Practice Guidance to PPS 18 'Renewable Energy' it is recommended that properties should not experience more than a total of 30hr per year or 30 min per day threshold of shadowflicker from any turbine. In the UK, only properties 10 times the rotor diameters of the proposed siting of a turbine and 130 degrees either side of north will experience the effects of shadowflicker. The agent has carried out a shadowflicker assessment and has identified a number of properties that will experience impacts of shadowflicker. The results of the assessment show that receptors 3, 4, 5 were identified as potentially experiencing in excess of 30 hours of shadow flicker effect each year, as well as potentially in excess of 30 minutes of mean shadow flicker effect each day. When the results were adjusted for cloud cover and expected sun hours, no receptors within the 540m study area are expected to experience greater than 30 hours of shadow flicker per year or mean daily shadowflicker effects of more than 30minutes per day. These results were based on the original dimensions submitted (hub height 50m, Rotor diameter 54m and blade tip height 77m), an amended report has not been submitted with the revised plans therefore it is not possible to determine if the impact will have changed with the amendments.

Ice throw

This is not usually an issue in Northern Ireland. However, given the distance to neighbouring properties this is thought not to be an issue.

Reflected Light

Turbines are now usually designed with a matt finish to counter reflected light. Given the distance to properties I find this not to be an issue.

Appropriate environmental, economic and social benefits

While there may be some social and economic benefits associated with the new turbine, the visual and environmental impacts of the proposal are believed to result in significant detrimental impact on this area. After discussion with both the Principle Planner and the Planning Manager it was agreed that this proposal would be unacceptable.

Other Considerations

The site is not subject to flooding. There are no contamination issues identified on the site and no other issues have been raised by any other consultees.		
Neighbour Notification Checked	Yes	
Summary of Recommendation:		
That permission is refused		
Conditions/Reasons for Refusal: Reasons for Refusal:		
Visual intrusion on the locality and	detrimental impact on the neighbouring amenity.	
2. Insufficient information submitted for Environmental Health to consider.		
Signature(s)		
Date:		

ANNEX		
Date Valid	19th February 2021	
Date First Advertised	9th March 2021	
Date Last Advertised		

Details of Neighbour Notification (all addresses)

The Owner/Occupier,

40 Gortagammon Road, Tullyhogue, Cookstown, Tyrone, BT80 8UY

Date of Last Neighbour Notification	21st April 2021
Date of EIA Determination	
ES Requested	Yes /No

Planning History

Ref ID: LA09/2017/0073/F

Proposal: Remove Condition No's 4 and 5 of Planning Approval I/2014/0394/F (relating

to Radar Mitigation Scheme)

Address: 210m East/South East of 40 Gortagammon Road, Cookstown,

Decision: PG

Decision Date: 02.05.2017

Ref ID: LA09/2021/0268/F

Proposal: Proposed replacement of existing turbine approved under I/2014/0394/F with an EWT DW54 250KW turbine comprising of a 50m hub height and blade span of 27m (overall tip height of 77m)

Address: Approximately 210m South East of 40 Gortagammon Road, Cookstown,

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: I/2013/0375/F

Proposal: Proposed erection of a wind turbine with a 30m hub height and a 30m rotor

diameter with a max output not exceeding 250kw

Address: 314m east/north east of 40 Gortagammon Road, Cookstown BT80 8UY,

Decision: PG

Decision Date: 13.05.2014

Ref ID: I/2014/0394/F

Proposal: Relocation of previously approved wind turbine application (I/2013/0375/F) with a 31m hub height and 29m rotor diameter and output not exceeding 250 kw. Address: 210m east/south east of 40 Gortagammon Road, Cookstown BT80 8UY, Decision: PG				
Decision Date: 10.03.2015				
Summary of Consultee Responses				
Drawing Numbers and Title				

Drawing No. Type: Status: Submitted
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Drawing No. 01

Type: Site Location Plan

Status: Submitted

Drawing No. 03

Type: Proposed Plans Status: Submitted

Drawing No. 02

Type: Site Layout or Block Plan Status: Submitted

Notification to Department (if relevant)

Date of Notification to Department:

Response of Department:

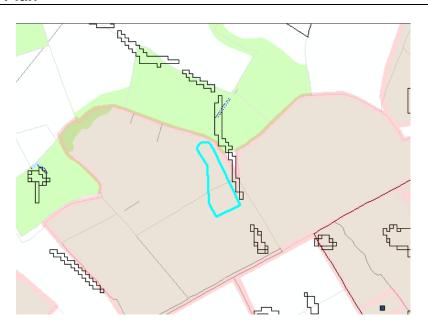


Development Management Officer Report Committee Application

Summary	
Committee Meeting Date:	Item Number:
Application ID: LA09/2021/0634/F	Target Date:
Proposal: Proposed Sand and gravel washing unit, associated fixed plant and new filtration/settlement pond	Location: Within existing sand and gravel Quarry 320m North of Nr.17 Brackaghlislea Road Draperstown
Referral Route:	
Committee	
Recommendation:	Approval
Applicant Name and Address: McIvor Sand and Gravel 13 Gortahurk Road Draperstown BT45 7JY	Agent Name and Address: OJQ Architecture The Gadda Building 89 Main Street Garvagh BT51 5AB
Executive Summary:	
Signature(s):	

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Site Location Plan



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Consultation Type	Consultee	Response
Statutory	Historic Environme Division (HED)	ent Content
Statutory	Environmental Health N Ulster Council	Additional Information Required
Statutory	Environmental Health N Ulster Council	/lid
Statutory	Environmental Health N Ulster Council	1id
Non Statutory	Environmental Health N Ulster Council	Aid Substantive Response Received
Statutory	NIEA	Error

Representations:

Letters of Support	None Received
Letters of Objection	None Received
Number of Support Petitions and signatures	No Petitions Received
Number of Petitions of Objection and signatures	No Petitions Received

Summary of Issues

Recommended Approval - NIEA (Water Management Unit), Shared Environmental Services (SES) and the Council's Environmental Health Department, and HED were consulted on this application. NIEA (Water Management Unit) raised concern, therefore being presented to committee.

All Material considerations, including policy considerations, have been addressed within the determination of this application.

Characteristics of the Site and Area

The application site is located within an existing sand and gravel quarry, 320m North of No. 17 Brackaghlislea Road, Draperstown.

The site is located outside the designated settlement limits as defined in the Magherafelt Area Plan 2015.

Description of Proposal

This application seeks full planning permission for a sand and gravel washing unit, associated fixed plant and new filtration / settlement pond.

Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations

Magherafelt Area Plan 2015: the site is located outside an Area of Constraint on Mineral Development. The site is located in the open countryside on unzoned land.

Relevant Planning History-

Reference	Location	Proposal/Complaint	Status	Date	
LA09/2019/1324/F	260m NW of No 11 Brackaghlislea Ro.	Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Approval H/2006/C	PERMISSION GRANTED	20.12.2019	
LA09/2021/0634/F	Within existing sand and gravel Quarry,	Proposed Sand and gravel washing unit, associated fix	VALID APPLICATION RECEIVED		
H/2006/0213/F	260m North West of No 11 Brackaghlis	Extension of Sand & Gravel extraction, processing by m	PERMISSION GRANTED	29.08.2008	

Key Planning Policy

The Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland (SPPS) introduced in September 2015 is a material consideration in determining this application. The SPPS states that a transitional period will operate until such times as a Plan Strategy for the whole of the council area has been adopted. During the transitional period planning authorities will apply existing policy contained within identified policy documents together with the SPPS. Paragraph 1.12 of the SPPS states that any conflict between the SPPS and any retained policy must be resolved in the favour of the provisions of the SPPS.

Planning Policy Statement 21: Sustainable Development in the Countryside (PPS21) is a retained policy document under SPPS and provides the appropriate policy context. Policy CTY1 of PPS21 sets out the types of development that are considered to be acceptable in the countryside. One of these is minerals development in accordance with the MIN policies of A Planning Strategy for Rural Northern Ireland.

The Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan 2030; Draft Plan Strategy was launched on 22nd February 2019 and is now a material planning consideration in assessing all planning applications in the District. Re-consultation on the Draft Plan Strategy closed at 5pm on 24th September 2020. All valid representations received will

be subject to a Counter Representation period. In light of this, the draft plan does not carry the determining weight associated with the adopted plan.

Policy MIN 1 Environmental Protection.

The proposal is not located within any environmentally designated area. NIEA (Water Management Unit) were consulted to comment on potential impacts on the built and natural environment they responded to say that the supporting information provided was insufficient to enable a full assessment of the potential impacts of the proposal. However, Shared Environmental Services responded to say that there did not appear to be any watercourses evident on or near the site and it is assumed that all existing infrastructure is feasible for use, if required and No conceivable effects.

Historic Monuments Unit were consulted on the proposal and responded to say that they content that the proposal is satisfactory to SPPS and PPS6 archaeological policy requirements. This is due to the scale of the development on greenfield as proposed. HED (Historic Monuments) requests consultation on any further applications for this site as larger scale development here may require archaeological mitigation.

Environmental Health were consulted on the proposal and said in there last response dated 8th March 2022, that they have no objection to this proposal provided conditions are attached.

Policy MIN2 Visual Implications

The site is low lying in the landscape when viewed from surrounding public road networks and public views are limited. The existing site is well bunded and therefore I am satisfied that the visual impact of the proposal will not have a detrimental impact on the visual amenity and landscape character of this area of countryside.

Policy MIN 3 Areas of Constraint

The site is not located within an Area of constraint on Mineral Development as defined in the Magherafelt Area Plan 2015.

Policy MIN4 Valuable Minerals

The proposal does not involve the mining of valuable minerals (as defined by policy, eg. oil, gas, lignite).

Policy MIN5 Mineral Reserves

The proposal does not involve surface development which would prejudice future exploitation of valuable mineral reserves.

Policy MIN6 Safety and Amenity

Mid Ulster District Council Environmental Health where consulted on this proposal with the submitted noise report and had no objection.

The Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland (HSENI) did not require to be consulted as it did not fall within their criteria to provide comment. The onus will be on the developer to provide H&E cover for those on site under relevant Quarries Legislation.

Policy MIN7 Traffic

The site is set well back from the public road and a considerable distance from the nearest occupied dwelling. Therefore traffic movements, stopping/starting of engines, opening and closing of doors, will not be of a frequency that will cause a detrimental impact to existing residential amenity.

Conclusion

Although NIEA(Water Management Unit) raised concern, as Shared Environmental Services are content that there are no watercourses on or near to the site, and the proposed system is a closed system which continually recycles the water from the settlement pond and does not discharge into a watercourse as shown on drawing No 02, date stamped 22.02.2021, there is no reason to suspect that this proposal will impact. The new settlement pond will catch sediment and any change to this operation process would be subject to a separate discharge consent under the supervision of NIEA. Therefore i recommend that planning permission is granted subject to conditions.

Neighbour Notification Checked

Yes

Summary of Recommendation:

Approve, subject to conditions

Conditions:

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 5 years from the date of this permission.

Reason: As required by Section 61 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

2. The approved washing equipment shall be located as annotated on drawing numbers 01 & 02 date stamped 22nd April 2021.

Reason: To protect residential amenity from noise emissions.

3. Within 4 weeks of a written request by the Council following a reasonable noise complaint from the occupant of a dwelling which lawfully exits, the operator shall, at his/her expense, employ a suitably qualified and competent person, to assess compliance with noise levels listed in Figure 12 of the noise impact assessment date stamped 4th February 2022 and provide a report in writing to the Council. Details of the noise monitoring survey shall be submitted to Council for written approval prior to any monitoring commencing. The Council shall be notified not less than 2 weeks in advance of the date of commencement of the noise monitoring. The Council shall then be provided with a suitable report detailing any necessary remedial measures. These remedial measures shall be carried out to the satisfaction of Council within 8 weeks from the date of approval of the remedial report, and shall be permanently retained and maintained to an acceptable level thereafter, unless otherwise agreed in writing with Council.

Reason: To protect nearby residential amenity from noise

Informatives

- This determination relates to planning control only and does not cover any consent or approval which may be necessary to authorise the development under other prevailing legislation as may be administered by Mid Ulster District Council or other statutory authority.
- 2. This permission does not alter or extinguish or otherwise affect any existing or valid right of way crossing, impinging or otherwise pertaining to these lands.
- This permission does not confer title. It is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that he controls all the lands necessary to carry out the proposed development
- 4. HED (Historic Monuments) requests consultation on any future applications for this site as larger scale development here may require archaeological mitigation.

Signature(s)		
Date:		

ANNEX		
Date Valid	22nd April 2021	
Date First Advertised	4th May 2021	
Date Last Advertised		

Details of Neighbour Notification (all addresses)

The Owner/Occupier,

12 Brackaghlislea Road Draperstown Londonderry

The Owner/Occupier,

12a Gortahurk Road Draperstown

The Owner/Occupier,

14 Gortahurk Road Draperstown Londonderry

The Owner/Occupier,

16 Gortahurk Road Draperstown Londonderry

The Owner/Occupier,

17 Brackaghlislea Road Draperstown Londonderry

Date of Last Neighbour Notification	6th September 2021
Date of EIA Determination	
ES Requested	Yes /No

Planning History

Ref ID: LA09/2019/1324/F

Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Approval H/2006/0213/F (to extend

extraction for an additional 10 years until 31st Dec 2030.

Address: 260m NW of No 11 Brackaghlislea Road, Draperstown.,

Decision: PG

Decision Date: 20.12.2019

Ref ID: LA09/2021/0634/F

Proposal: Proposed Sand and gravel washing unit, associated fixed plant and new

filtration/settlement pond

Address: Within existing sand and gravel Quarry, 320m North of Nr.17 Brackaghlislea

Road, Draperstown,

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: H/2006/0213/F

Proposal: Extension of Sand & Gravel extraction, processing by mobile dry screener and

creation of new vehicular access to Draperstown Road, Draperstown, Magherafelt

Address: 260m North West of No 11 Brackaghlislea Road, Draperstown, Magherafelt

Decision:

Decision Date: 29.08.2008

Summary of Consultee Responses

Drawing Numbers and Title

Drawing No.

Type:

Status: Submitted

Drawing No. 01

Type: Site Location Plan

Status: Submitted

Drawing No. 02

Type: Site Layout or Block Plan

Status: Submitted

Drawing No. 03

Type: Proposed Plans Status: Submitted

Application ID: LA09/2021/0634/F

Notification to Department (if relevant)	
Date of Notification to Department: Response of Department:	



Mid-Ulster Local Planning Office Mid-Ulster Council Offices 50 Ballyronan Road Magherafelt BT45 6EN

Development Management Officer Report Committee Application

Summary		
Committee Meeting Date: 05/07/2022	Item Number:	
Application ID: LA09/2021/0818/F	Target Date:	
Proposal: Previously approved detached dwelling to be replaced with a pair of semi-detached dwellings	Location: Site at 29 Tullybrae Manor Caledon Road Aughnacloy BT69 6AR	

Referral Route:

- 1. Three objections from a third party.
- 2. Agent is a Mid Ulster Council employee.

Recommendation:	Approval
Applicant Name and Address:	Agent Name and Address:
S & J Developments	Sam Smyth Architecture
1 Tullybrae Manor	Unit 45 DGN Enterprise Centre
Caledon Road	2 Coalisland Road
Aughnacloy	Dungannon
BT69 6HP	BT71 6JT

Executive Summary:

The proposal is for the change of house type from a single detached dwelling to a pair of semi-detached dwellings. I have no concerns about the scale, massing and design of the dwellings as they are similar in character to what currently exists at the development.

Signature(s):		

Case Officer Report

Site Location Plan



Consultations:		
Consultation Type	Consultee	Response
Non Statutory	NI Water - Multi Units West - Planning Consultations	Substantive Response Received
Statutory	DFI Roads - Enniskillen Office	Standing Advice

Representations:

Letters of Support	None Received
Letters of Objection	3
Number of Support Petitions and	No Petitions Received
signatures	No Detitions Descrived
Number of Petitions of Objection	No Petitions Received
and signatures	

Characteristics of the Site and Area

The site is within the settlement limit of Aughnacloy as defined in the Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan 2010. The surrounding area is semi-rural in character and is predominantly residential with cul-de-sacs and new developments of detached and semi-detached dwellings. The site is within the housing development of Tullybrae Manor which mainly comprises semi-detached dwellings. The topography of the road in front of the site rises up steeply from east to west but the levels at the site itself slopes downwards from the roadside.

Description of Proposal

This is a full application for a previously approved detached dwelling to be replaced with a pair of semi-detached dwellings Site at 29 Tullybrae Manor, Caledon Road, Aughnacloy.

Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations

Section 45(1) of the Planning Act (NI) 2011 requires the Council, in dealing with an application, to have regard to the local development plan (LDP), so far as material to the application, and to any other material considerations. Section 6(4) requires that the determination of proposals must be in accordance with the LDP unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Representations

Press advertisement and neighbour notification have been carried out in line with the Council's statutory duty. At the time of writing, three third party objections were received.

All objections were received from Mr Cathal Kelly at 9 Tullybrae Manor Aughnacloy which is directly across the road and north from the site. The objections were received on the 28th April 2022, 2nd and 6th May 2022 after amended plans had been received.

In the first objection Mr Kelly just stated he objected to the proposal and was asked to provide further reasons for this objection. The main issues in the following objection letters were that there were not enough car parking spaces at the proposed dwellings and there could be potentially up to 8 cars in the area. Mr Kelly stated this was unsafe for children in the development who wanted to play with cars parked everywhere.

In rebuttal to the issues raised the applicant has shown parking space for two cars to the side of No. 29 and at No. 29A to the rear. The proposal is for 2no. three bedroom dwellings and according to Mid Ulster Parking Standards Guidance a three bedroom semi-detached dwelling should have two car parking spaces. At the beginning of the guidance it states there should be space for a car at 2.4m x 4.8m. I am content this has been achieved and other semi-detached dwellings within the development also only have space for two cars along the side of the dwellings. Therefore I consider the proposed parking fits with what currently exists at the development and the proposal meets the standards. If on occasions there are extra cars at the proposed dwellings this is not within the control of the Council.

Planning History

M/2006/2175/F - Proposed residential development (25 units) compromising 20No semi-detached & 5NO detached dwellings - Lands to the south of no.47a Caledon Road, Aughnacloy – Permission Granted 13.05.2008

M/2008/1227/F - Variation of condition 2 of planning permission M/2006/2175/F lands south of no 47 Caledon Road Aughnacloy - Lands south of no 47 Caledon Road Aughnacloy - Permission Granted 08.07.2009

Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland - sets out that Planning Authorities should be guided by the principle that sustainable development should be permitted, having regard to the local development plan and other material considerations unless the proposed development will cause demonstrable harm to interests of acknowledged importance.

Until a Plan Strategy for the whole of the Council Area has been adopted planning applications will be assessed against existing policy (other than PPS 1, 5 & 9) together with the SPPS.

Mid Ulster Development Plan 2030 – Draft Plan Strategy

The Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy was launched on 22nd February 2019 and is now a material planning consideration in assessing all planning applications in the District. Re-consultation on the Draft Plan Strategy closed at 5pm on 24th September 2020. The period for Counter Representations closed on 18th December 2020. On the 28th May 2021 the Council submitted the draft Plan Strategy to DFI for them to cause an Independent Examination, In light of this, the draft Plan Strategy does not yet carry determining weight.

Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan 2010

The site is within the settlement limit of Aughnacloy as defined in the Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan 2010 so SETT 1 is the relevant policy which applies. I am content as the proposal complies with all the criteria in PPS 7 it will also comply with SETT 1.

The principle of development has already been established through planning approvals M/2006/2175/F and M/2008/1227/F. M/2006/2175/F was granted on the 13th May 2008 so the development would have to have been started by the 13th May 2013 to have an extant permission. I completed a check on OSNI Spatial NI which showed foundations on the 1st September 2010 so I am content there is a fall-back position.

PPS 7 – Quality Residential Environments QD1 – Quality in New Residential Developments

The proposal is to substitute a previously approved detached dwelling with a pair of semidetached dwellings. In initial plans submitted the dwellings are at the same level as adjacent dwellings and I addressed concerns with the agent whether retaining walls would be needed at the rear of the site. To address this issue the agent submitted revised plans which step the dwellings as shown in figure 1 below.



Figure 1 – snapshot of the proposed dwellings

Within the immediate area semi-detached dwellings are the predominant house type and as the proposal is for a semi-detached house I am content this will fit with the pattern of settlement in the area. The dwellings have proposed external materials of red brick and slate roof tiles which will match the existing dwellings so I have no concerns. The agent has shown on the plans that no retaining walls are needed as the dwellings are now stepped and along the roadside boundary the boundary treatment is a low red brick wall.

There are no archaeological or built heritage features at the site.

I am content the proposal was not previously a designated open space within the development as there was an approval for a two storey detached dwelling at the site. The proposed dwelling at 29A has 75sqm of garden area and No. 29 has 73sqm of garden area. According to the guidance in Creating Places the average space for a dwelling in a development should be 70sqm and I am content this standard has been met in this application. Within other semi-detached dwellings already built in this development there are similar sized gardens so I am content this matches the gardens that already exist.

There is no need for the provision of neighbourhood facilities due to the small scale nature of the proposal.

The site is on the edge of the limits of Aughnacloy so I am content there is a adequate provision for access to the shops and local facilities.

I am content the design of the dwelling matches other dwellings within the area and the development.

I am content there is at least 12m separation distance between the proposed dwellings and the nearest rear boundary as stated in Creating Places where the guidance states it should be at least 10m. There is a large full length window on the side elevation of both dwellings but this window design is located on the sides of dwellings currently built at the development. I consider there will not be greater overlooking or loss of privacy than other dwellings than currently exist.

There are no specific features to deter crime within the proposal.

I am content all the criteria in QD1 in PPS 7 have been met.

PPS 3 – Access, Movement and Parking AMP 2 – Access to public road

DFI Roads were consulted as the proposal includes two new accesses as opposed to the single access in M/2006/2175/F. After seeking amendments to the block plan Roads were content with the access arrangements. As previously discussed I am content the proposal has met the guidance in Parking Standards for a three bedroom dwelling.

Other Considerations

NI Water were consulted as I consider there is an intensification of the sewage capacity at the site as the proposal is going from one dwelling to 2no. three bedroom dwellings. NI Water were consulted and had no objections stating there was available capacity at the waste water treatment works in Aughnacloy. However this goes against other housing planning applications where it is stated there are sewage capacity issues in Aughnacloy. There is an extant approval M/2006/2175/F at the site. I consider it is appropriate to condition the sewage issue that no works can commence till NI Water have agreed a connection to the public sewer network.

Neighbour Notification Checked Yes

Summary of Recommendation:

The proposal is recommended for approval as it meets all the criteria in QD1 in PPS 7 – Quality Residential Environments.

Conditions

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 5 years from the date of this permission.

Reason: As required by Section 61 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

2. The development hereby permitted shall not commence until such time as the applicant has provided adequate evidence to the Council that NI Water will allow connection to the

public sewer and this condition has been discharged and received written confirmation that the Council has agreed discharge of this condition.

Reason: In the interests of public health.

3. The vehicular access, including visibility splays and any forward sight distance, shall be provided in accordance with Drawing No. 02 Rev 1 bearing the date stamp 7 April 2022, prior to the commencement of any other development hereby permitted. The area within the visibility splays and any forward sight line shall be cleared to provide a level surface no higher than 250mm above the level of the adjoining carriageway and such splays shall be retained and kept clear thereafter.

Reason: To ensure there is a satisfactory means of access in the interests of road safety and the convenience of road users.

4. Prior to the occupation of each individual dwelling hereby approved, the boundary treatments defining each curtilage shall be constructed as detailed on drawing no. 03 Rev 1 received 07 APR 2022.

Reason: To ensure that boundary treatments are provided in a timely manner to assist in the provision of a quality residential environment in accordance with the Departments Policy Statement PPS 7 - Quality Residential Environments.

5. All hard and soft landscaping works shown on the approved plans shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details and the appropriate British Standard or other recognised Codes of Practice.

Reason: To ensure the provision, establishment and maintenance of a high standard of landscape to aid the integration of the development into the local landscape in a timely manner and to assist in the provision of a quality residential environment in accordance with PPS7 Quality Residential Development and PPS8 Open Space, Sport and Outdoor Recreation.

6. If within a period of 5 years from the date of the planting of any tree, shrub or hedge, that tree, shrub or hedge is removed, uprooted or destroyed or dies, or becomes, in the opinion of the Department, seriously damaged or defective, another tree, shrub or hedge of the same species and size as that originally planted shall be planted at the same place, unless the Department gives its written consent to any variation.

Reason: To ensure the provision, establishment and maintenance of a high standard of landscape.

7. The finished floor level of the dwellings shall be in accordance with levels shown on the approved plan No 02 rev1 date stamp received 07 APR 2022, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Mid Ulster Council.

Reason: To safeguard visual and residential amenity.

The Private Streets (Northern Ireland) Order 1980.

The Department hereby determines that the width, position and arrangement of the streets, and the land to be regarded as being comprised in the streets, shall be as indicated on Drawing No.17 bearing the date stamp 10-MAR-2008.

Reason: To ensure there is a safe and convenient road system within the development and to comply with the provisions of the Private Streets (Northern Ireland) Order 1980.

The Private Streets (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 as amended by the Private Streets (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1992.

No part of the development hereby permitted shall be commenced until the works necessary for the improvement of a public road have been completed in accordance with the details outlined blue on Drawing Number 17 bearing the date stamp10-MAR-2008. The Department hereby attaches to the determination a requirement under Article 3(4A) of the above Order that such works shall be carried out in accordance with an agreement under Article 3 (4C).

Reason: To ensure that the road works considered necessary to provide a proper, safe and convenient means of access to the development are carried out.

No dwelling(s) shall be occupied until that part of the service road which provides access to it has been constructed to base course; the final wearing course shall be applied on the completion of each phase/the development.

Reason: To ensure the orderly development of the site and the road works necessary to provide satisfactory access to each dwelling.

Informatives

- 1. This permission does not alter or extinguish or otherwise affect any existing or valid right of way crossing, impinging or otherwise pertaining to these lands.
- 2. This permission does not confer title. It is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that he controls all the lands necessary to carry out the proposed development.
- 3. The decision notice relating to this planning application should be read in conjunction with the conditions / informatives associated with previous approval Application Reference M/2009/0289/F and all other approvals for this site.
- 4. This application does not require a determination under The Private Streets Order 1980 and The Private Streets (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 as the street was previously determined under Application Reference M/2009/0289/F.
- 5. Under the above Order the applicant is advised that before any work shall be undertaken for the purpose of erecting a building the person having an estate in the land on which the building is to be erected is legally bound to enter into a bond and an agreement under seal

for himself and his successors in title with the Department to make the roads and sewers in accordance with the Private Streets Construction Regulations.

- 6. In order to ensure that the laying of ducts and the erection of columns for street lighting is coordinated with the construction of the streets, the applicant should contact the Roads Service Street Lighting section at Main Road, Moygashel before any construction work commences.
- 7. Details of any retaining walls required shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the DRD under the Technical Approval Scheme prior to any construction work being undertaken. The necessary TAS 1 forms to be obtained from the DRD's Roads Service.
- 8. Water Management Unit of the NIEA recommends:

In order to decrease the risk of the incorrect diversion of foul sewage to drains carrying rain/surface water each building shall be provided with such sanitary pipework, foul drainage and rain water drainage as may be necessary for the hygienic and adequate disposal of foul water and rain water separately from that building. The drainage system should also be designed to minimise the risk of wrongly connecting the foul sewage system to the rain water drainage system, once the building are occupied.

The buildings associated with this planning application should not be occupied unless the necessary sewerage infrastructure is in place to transfer foul sewage to a DRD Water Service sewer or a wastewater treatment facility consented by EHS. It should be noted that EHS does not favour existing sewerage infrastructure being utilised in such a way as to act as a temporary cesspit. Where a temporary cesspit is to be utilised, it should be designed in accordance with the current best practice and any transfer or movement of sewage, by tanker or other means, shall be carried out in accordance with the Controlled Waste (Duty of Care) Regulations (NI) 2002.

The new dwellings should be completely plumbed to prevent wrong connections by residents to any storm system.

The storm drainage of the site should be designed and constructed according to the principals of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) in order to minimise the polluting effects of storm water on waterways.

Construction of SuDS should comply with the standards in the design manual for Scotland and Northern Ireland (CIRIA C521)

Any oil tanks serving the new dwellings should be bunded. Pollution Prevention Guideline (PPG2).

The applicant complies with the attached Pollution Prevention Guideline (PPG 5 and 6) in order to minimise the impact of the construction phase of the project on the environment. It should be noted that several SuDS features may be useful pollution prevention measures during the construction phase.

Should a sewage pumping station be required for this development then the applicant must apply to EHS WMU for a Water Order (1999) consent for an "emergency overflow".

- 9. Developers should acquaint themselves of their statutory obligations in respect of watercourses as prescribed in the Drainage (Northern Ireland) Order 1973, and consult the Rivers Agency of the Department of Agriculture accordingly on any related matters.
- 10. Any proposals in connection with the development, either temporary or permanent which involve interference with any watercourse at the site:- such as diversion, culverting, bridging; or placing any form of structure in any watercourse, require the written consent of the Rivers Agency. Failure to obtain such consent prior to carrying out such proposals is an offence under the Drainage Order which may lead to prosecution or statutory action as provided for.

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Signature(s)		
Date:		



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Development Management Officer Report Committee Application

Summary		
Committee Meeting Date: July 2022	Item Number:	
Application ID: LA09/2021/0860/O	Target Date:	
Proposal: Proposed dwelling and garage	Location: Site adjacent to 27 Waterfoot Road Ballymaguigan Magherafelt	
Referral Route:		
Committee- REFUSAL		
Recommendation:	Refusal	
Applicant Name and Address: Jim O Neill 242 Shore Road Ballymaguigan Magherafel	Agent Name and Address: Mc Cartan Muldoon Architects Studio One Marina Centre 135a Shore Road Ballyronan Magherafelt BT45 6JA	
Executive Summary:		
Signature(s):		

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Site Location Plan



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Consultation Type	Consultee	Response
Statutory	DFI Roads - Enniskillen Office	Content

Representations:

Letters of Support	None Received
Letters of Objection	None Received
Number of Support Petitions and signatures	No Petitions Received
Number of Petitions of Objection and signatures	No Petitions Received

Summary of Issues

Characteristics of the Site and Area

The application site is located adjacent to 27 Waterfoot Road, Magherafelt and is located outside the designated settlement limits as defined in the Magherafelt Area Plan, 2015. The site is currently a vacant plot of rectangular agricultural land located to the rear of No 27 Waterfoot Road, Magherafelt. The proposed access utilises an existing farm laneway on to the Waterfoot Road.

The surrounding area is predominantly rural in nature.

Description of Proposal

The applicant seeks outline permission for a dwelling and garage under Policy CTY 2A.

Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations

The following Policy documents provide the primary policy context for the determination of this application;

- 1.Strategic Planning Policy Statement (SPPS)
- 2.Magherafelt Area Plan 2015
- 3. PPS 21- Sustainable Development in the Countryside
- 4. Planning Policy Statement 3 Access, Movement and Parking

Planning History

Reference	Location	Proposal/Complaint	Status	Date
LA09/2021/0860/0	Site adjacent to 27 Waterfoot Road, B	Proposed dwelling and garage	VALID APPLICATION RECEIVED	
H/2004/1169/0	40m South West of 29 Waterfoot Road	Site of Dwelling and Garage.	PERMISSION REFUSED	12.05.2006
H/2004/0029/F	Adjacent to 29 Waterfoot Road, Castle	Dwelling and garage.	PERMISSION GRANTED	25.08.2004
H/2000/0454/0	50m (Approx) South West of 29 Waterf	Site of dwelling and garage	APPLICATION WITHDRAWN	15.12.2000
H/2000/0900/0	Adjacent To 29 Waterfoot Road, Castle	Site Of Dwelling And Garage	PERMISSION GRANTED	21.02.2001
H/2000/0194/Q	Adjacent to 29 Waterfoot Road, Castle	Housing Development	PRE APPLICATION ENQUIRY - RE	
H/2001/0436/0	Adjacent to 29 Waterfoot Road, Castle	Site of dwelling and garage	PERMISSION REFUSED	18.01.2002

Representations

Neighbour notification and press advertisement has been carried out in line with the Council's statutory duty. At the time of writing, no third party objections were received.

Assessment

The Strategic Planning Policy Statement (SPPS) for Northern Ireland-Planning for Sustainable Development, is a material consideration. The SPPS sets out that planning authorities should be retained under transitional arrangements. The SPPS sets out that planning authorities should be guided by the principle that sustainable development should be permitted, having regard to the local development plan and other material considerations unless the proposed development will cause demonstrable harm to interests of acknowledged importance. Until a Plan Strategy for the whole of the Council area has been adopted planning applications will be assessed against existing policy.

The Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan 2030: Draft Plan Strategy was launched on 22nd February 2019 and is now a material planning consideration in assessing all planning applications in the District. Re-consultation on the Draft Plan Strategy closed at 5pm on 24th September 2020. All valid representations received will be subject to a Counter Representation period. In light of this, the draft plan does not carry the determining weight associated with the adopted plan.

Section 45 (1) of The Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, states that, where an application is made for planning permission, the Council or, as the case may be, the Department, in dealing with the application, must have regard to the local development plan, so far as material to the application, and to any other material considerations.

Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations:

The application is considered against the following:

SPSS

The Magherafelt Area Plan 2015,

PPS 21 Sustainable Development in the Countryside

PPS 3 Access, Movement and Parking.

Policy CTY1 of PPS21 states that there are a range of types of development which are considered to be acceptable in principle in the countryside and that will contribute to the aims of sustainable development. It goes on to state that planning permission will be granted for an individual dwelling house in the countryside in six cases. One of these is a dwelling sited within an existing cluster of buildings in accordance with Policy CTY2a.

The principle of the application is considered under PPS 21, CTY 2a, New Dwellings in Existing Clusters and all criteria must be met.

- a) The cluster of development lies outside of a farm and consists of four or more buildings (excluding ancillary buildings such as garages, outbuildings and open sided structures) of which at least three are dwellings;
- b) The cluster appears as a visual entity in the local landscape;
- c) The cluster is associated with a focal point such as a social / community building/facility, or is located at a cross-roads,
- d) The identified site provides a suitable degree of enclosure and is bounded on at least two sides with other development in the cluster;
- e) Development of the site can be absorbed into the existing cluster through rounding off and consolidation and will not significantly alter its existing character, or visually intrude into the open countryside; and
- f) Development would not adversely impact on residential amenity.

Whilst the proposed dwelling could be absorbed into the existing landscape, the proposal fails a number of the above criteria under PPS 21, CTY2a, namely b, c and d. The application site is too far removed from the crossroads to be used as a focal point. The crossroads junction of Waterfoot road with Ballyronan road is located approx. 300 m east of the site and the site is located behind an existing dwelling, No. 27. The site is not bounded on at least two sides with other development in the cluster. The agent has suggested that an existing stone vernacular roadside building was used as a shop/post office in the past (see photo 1 & 2 below). However, the building is vacant and appears to have been for many years as it is derelict. There is no evidence provided to confirm that this building was ever used as a shop or post office. The building has no significant features to suggest that it was once a shop/Post office and could potentially have been a dwelling house.

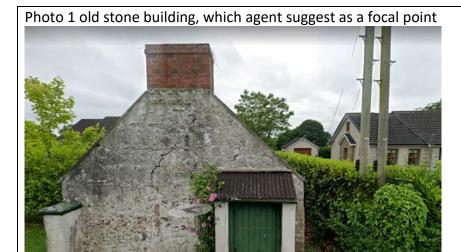


Photo 2 Old stone building which Agent suggests as a focal point



PPS 3 Access, Movement and Parking

DFI Roads were consulted on this proposal and responded to say they had to objections subject to conditions being added.

Conclusion

In conclusion I consider the proposal to be unacceptable as it is contrary to PPS 21, Policy CTY2A and recommend permission is refused.

Neighbour Notification Checked	
	Yes
Summary of Recommendation:	
Refuse	
Defined December	
Refusal Reasons:	
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ANNEX		
Date Valid	7th June 2021	
Date First Advertised	22nd June 2021	
Date Last Advertised		

Details of Neighbour Notification (all addresses)

The Owner/Occupier,

27 Waterfoot Road Magherafelt Londonderry

The Owner/Occupier,

29 Waterfoot Road Magherafelt Londonderry

The Owner/Occupier,

4 St. Treas Villas Magherafelt Londonderry

The Owner/Occupier,

5 St. Treas Villas Magherafelt Londonderry

The Owner/Occupier,

6 St. Treas Villas Magherafelt Londonderry

Date of Last Neighbour Notification	29th June 2021
Date of EIA Determination	
ES Requested	Yes /No

Planning History

Ref ID: LA09/2021/0860/O

Proposal: Proposed dwelling and garage

Address: Site adjacent to 27 Waterfoot Road, Ballymaguigan, Magherafelt,

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: H/2004/1169/O

Proposal: Site of Dwelling and Garage.

Address: 40m South West of 29 Waterfoot Road, Ballymaguigan.

Decision:

Decision Date: 12.05.2006

Ref ID: H/2004/0029/F

Proposal: Dwelling and garage.

Address: Adjacent to 29 Waterfoot Road, Castledawson.

Decision:

Decision Date: 25.08.2004

Ref ID: H/2000/0454/O

Proposal: Site of dwelling and garage

Address: 50m (Approx) South West of 29 Waterfoot Road, Castledawson

Decision:

Decision Date: 15.12.2000

Ref ID: H/2000/0900/O

Proposal: Site Of Dwelling And Garage

Address: Adjacent To 29 Waterfoot Road, Castledawson

Decision:

Decision Date: 21.02.2001

Ref ID: H/2000/0194/Q

Proposal: Housing Development

Address: Adjacent to 29 Waterfoot Road, Castledawson

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: H/2001/0436/O

Proposal: Site of dwelling and garage

Address: Adjacent to 29 Waterfoot Road, Castledawson

Decision:

Decision Date: 18.01.2002

Summary of Consultee Responses

Drawing Numbers and Title

Drawing No.

Type:

Status: Submitted

Drawing No. 02

Type: Site Layout or Block Plan

Status: Submitted

Drawing No. 01

Type: Site Location Plan

Status: Submitted

Notification to Department (if relevant)

Date of Notification to Department:

Response of Department:



Development Management Officer Report Committee Application

Summary			
Committee Meeting Date:	Item Number:		
Application ID: LA09/2021/0907/F	Target Date:		
Proposal: Proposed residential development of 6 detached dwellings, garages and associated works.	Location: Land adjacent to & to the rear of 24 Mullan Road Ballinderry Coagh.		
Referral Route: Contrary to Non Statutory	Consultee – NI Water		
Recommendation:	Approval		
Applicant Name and Address: Mr George Buick 20 Mullan Road Ballinderry Coagh BT80 0JE	Agent Name and Address: Kee Architecture Ltd 9a Clare Road Cookstown BT80 8RJ		
Executive Summary: Proposal complies with relevant prevailing planning policy. No letters of representation received. Signature(s):			
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Site Location Plan



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Consultation Type	Consultee	Response
Statutory	Dfl Roads – Enniskillen	Advice
Non Statutory	NI Water – Multi Units West	Substantive Response
Non Statutory	Environmental Health Mid Ulster	Substantive Response
Statutory	Dfl Roads – Enniskillen	Content
Representations:		•

Letters of Support	None Received
Letters of Objection	None Received
Number of Support Petitions and	No Petitions Received
signatures	
Number of Petitions of Objection	No Petitions Received
and signatures	

Characteristics of the Site and Area

The proposal site is located within the settlement limits of Ballinderry as defined in the Cookstown Area Plan 2010. The site encompasses the land adjacent to and to the rear of No. 24 Mullan Road, Ballinderry and an agricultural field which surrounds it to the rear and SE. The surrounding land is characterised by residential uses with rural agricultural land to the east. The site is on un-zoned white land. The character of the surrounding area is reflective of a small rural village. There is a mix of small scale housing development within the area and detached dwellings on large plots. The topography of the site is relatively flat. The northern boundary is defined by a mature hedgerow and intermittent trees; east boundary is defined by a thick row of shrubbery and a mix of

deciduous mature trees; southern boundary (Road side) is defined with a low cut hedgerow.

Description of Proposal

This application seeks full planning permission for 6 detached dwellings, garages and associated works located on lands adjacent to adjacent to & to the rear of 24 Mullan Road, Ballinderry.

Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations

Section 45(1) of the Planning Act (NI) 2011 requires the Council, in dealing with an application, to have regard to the local development plan (LDP), so far as material to the application, and to any other material considerations. Section 6(4) requires that the determination of proposals must be in accordance with the LDP unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The following documents provide the primary policy context for the determination of this application:

- Regional Development Strategy 2030
- Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland
- Cookstown Area Plan 2010
- PPS 7 Quality Residential Environments
- PPS 3 Access, Movement and Parking
- Planning Policy Statement 15 Planning and Flood Risk
- Creating Places

The Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy was launched on 22nd February 2019 and is now a material planning consideration in assessing all planning applications in the District. Re-consultation on the Draft Plan Strategy closed at 5pm on 24th September 2020. The period for Counter Representations closed on 18th December 2020. On the 28th May 2021 the Council submitted the draft Plan Strategy to DFI for them to cause and Independent Examination. In light of this, the draft Plan Strategy does not yet carry determining weight.

History on Site

LA09/2018/0043/O - Proposed residential development of 6 dwellings and garages and associated works - On Lands adjacent to and to the rear of 24 Mullan Road, Ballinderry, Coagh- Permission Granted 14/05/18

I/2012/0448/RM - Proposed housing development, consisting of detached, semidetached and terraced housing (17 units in total) with temporary bio treatment plant -22a, Mullan Road, Ballinderry, Coagh – Permission Granted 14/03/14

I/2006/0039/O- 2 storey dwelling & detached garage - 40 metres East of 24 Mullan Road, Coagh - Permission Granted 21/06/06

Representations

Press advertisement and neighbour notification has been carried out in line with the Council's statutory duty. At the time of writing, no third party objections were received.

Key Policy Considerations/Assessment

The site sits within the designated settlement limits of Ballinderry located on urban Whiteland land with no specific zoning or designation within Cookstown Area Plan 2010. The principle of development has already been established in the granting of outline planning permission for 6 residential units and garages on the 14th May 2018. Planning permission LA09/2018/0043/O considered the principle of development to be acceptable and in keeping with the Area Plan and this is not a matter for reconsideration under this planning application. Condition 1 of the outline planning approval required:

Application for approval of the reserved matters shall be made to the Council within 3 years of the date on which this permission is granted and the development, hereby permitted, shall be begun by whichever is the later of the following dates:-

- i. the expiration of 5 years from the date of this permission; or
- ii. the expiration of 2 years from the date of approval of the last of the reserved matters to be approved.

Reason: As required by Section 62 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

This full application was submitted on 14th June 2021 which is one month over the conditioned period for submission of a reserved matters application however within 5 years of the date of the outline permission. The proposed development has previously been considered under the planning policy provisions of SPPS and PPS7 which remain unchanged and the principle of development are not a matter for reconsideration. As this is a full planning application, the full particulars including siting, design, access and landscaping of the proposal will be considered.

The Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland (SPPS) introduced in September 2015 is a material consideration in determining this application. The SPPS states that a transitional period will operate until such times as a Plan Strategy for the whole of the council area has been adopted. During the transitional period planning authorities will apply existing policy contained within identified policy documents together with the SPPS. SPPS sets out that Planning Authorities should be guided by the principle that sustainable development should be permitted, having regard to the local development plan and other material considerations unless the proposed development will cause demonstrable harm to interests of acknowledged importance.

Paragraph 4.12 of the SPPS states other amenity considerations arising from development, that may have potential health and well-being implications, include design considerations, impacts relating to visual intrusion, general nuisance, loss of light and overshadowing. Adverse environmental impacts associated with development can also include sewerage, drainage, waste management and water quality. However, the above mentioned considerations are not exhaustive and planning authorities will be best placed to identify and consider, in consultation with stakeholders, all relevant environment and amenity considerations for their areas. Design and layout considerations will be considered further in this report. Consultation with NIW confirmed that there are no Waste Water Treatment Facilities at Ballinderry WWTW currently available to serve this proposal. However it is noted that outline planning permission for the proposal was granted on 14th May 2018 and it does not appear that a response was received from NI Water prior to the determination. This was considered at internal group with the Principal Planner and it was considered given the outline planning approval on the site, this application should be treated as an exception and the associated full planning

permission granted. However, it will be necessary to attach an appropriately worded condition to any forthcoming planning approval restricting development on site until the method of sewage disposal has been agreed in writing with Northern Ireland Water (NIW).

The SPPS gives specific provision for Housing in Settlements subject to a number policy provisions. It does not present any change in policy direction with regards to residential development in settlements than that provided under PPS7. This proposal seeks full planning permission for 6 residential dwelling units and associated garages and works. Drawing 02 date stamped 14th June 2021 provides details on the proposed siting, design, scale and access arrangements. Planning Policy Statement 7: Quality Residential Environments (PPS 7) is a retained policy document under the SPPS and provides the appropriate policy context. Policy QD 1 of PPS 7 sets out the policy framework under which applications of this nature should be assessed. The proposal has been considered against all criteria outlined under Policy QD1.

- a) The proposal is located on urban Whiteland with no specific zoning or designation within the settlement limits of Ballinderry. As considered under the previous application the layout, scale and proportions of the proposed development are sympathetic to the surrounding context. It is noted that the surrounding area is predominantly residential with varying densities and designs, it is considered the proposal is an acceptable reflection of the surrounding built form. The development is not dominated by hard surfacing with all dwellings having incurtilage parking and adequate private amenity space. The existing land uses surrounding the site are predominantly residential and as such I do not consider that the proposal will give rise to any impact in this regard. The proposal will be compatible with existing land uses within the immediate surroundings.
- b) No protected archaeological or built heritage features of significance have been identified within the site or in close proximity thus it is not considered that the proposal would have a significant impact on any local landscape features of built/archaeological interests.
- c) Each dwelling has adequate private amenity space in excess of the 70m2 recommended in Creating Places. It is noted that new planting is proposed as well as the retention of existing planting along the site boundaries. The provision of a landscape buffer along the northern boundary and retention of mature vegetation along the roadside boundary will adequately soften the visual impact of the development and assist in its integration with the surrounding area.
- d) The proposal site is situated within the settlement limits of Ballinderry thus existing neighbourhood facilities are available in the locality. It is not considered the proposed development would significantly intensify or place unnecessary demands on the existing neighbourhood provisions and amenities within the area and the scale of development does not merit the provision of its own standalone facilities.
- e) A movement pattern is provided that supports walking and cycling, meets the needs of people whose mobility is impaired, respects existing public rights of way, and provides adequate and convenient access to public transport. As the site is

within an urban settlement there is an existing movement pattern (e.g.) foot paths and bus routes. It is noted that a footpath runs along the north of the site which leads into Ballinderry settlement. Dfl Roads have been consulted and have no objection to the proposal subject to standard PSD conditions. Having considered the proposed access arrangements and given DFl Roads have offered no road safety objections, it is considered the proposal also complies with Policy AMP2.

- f) I considered that adequate provision has been made for the provision of parking on the site. Drawing 02 indicates each dwelling has in-curtilage parking spaces for 2 vehicles, as well as a garage. This is in line with Parking Standards Guidance.
- g) The design of the proposed dwellings are considered acceptable and reflect some rural character which is considered appropriate given this is a rural type village. It is considered the proposal includes an appropriate variety of house design and it is noted the front dwellings positioned at the entrance include a dual frontage.
- h) This proposal is residential in nature, there is a mix of land uses in the surrounding area and I do not consider the proposal will conflict with adjacent land uses. The application proposed to demolish the existing residential property at No. 24 and introduce a new access to the site. The proposed layout included shows that the existing vegetation along the site boundary will be retained. Generally, residential developments by their nature do not generate an unacceptable level of noise, odours or emissions which would detrimentally impact on residential amenity. It is noted there is a residential development Cleneyrade immediately adjacent to the north and a detached dwelling No.26 to the south. In terms of overlooking, loss of light and overshadowing, it is considered there is adequate separation distance from neighbouring properties and adequate boundary treatment is existing and proposed. I do not foresee any unacceptable adverse impact on neighbouring amenity as a result of this proposal. Environmental Health were consulted and have raised no objections to the proposal however they recommend a condition is imposed requiring the sewerage system connecting the proposed development to the mains network to be constructed to a standard which is capable of being approved by Northern Ireland Water (NIW). As previously stated, given the outline approval on the site approval is recommended should Members consider this appropriate however it is considered necessary to include a condition to any forthcoming approval requiring the method of sewage disposal to be agreed prior to any development to ensure that a satisfactory, permanent means of sewage disposal is achieved.
- i) The proposal seeks permission for a small housing development proposal of 6 units, each with off street parking and private amenity space. I have no significant concerns in terms of crime or health and safety with respect the proposed design.

PPS 7 (Addendum) Safeguarding the Character of Established Residential Areas -I am satisfied that, in principal, this proposal complies with Policy LC 1, Protecting Local Character, Environmental Quality and Residential Amenity, in that the proposal will not result in a significantly higher residential density in this locality. In terms of keeping with the established character of the area, the proposal is residential in nature which is acceptable in the surrounding context. I consider the proposal is in keeping with existing

pattern of development and the design and scale would not have an impact on the overall character and environmental quality of this area. All proposed dwellings are in excess of the acceptable size as set out in Annex A of this policy.

I conclude that the proposal accords with the extant Area Plan and all prevailing planning policy provisions highlighted above therefore I recommend approval.

Neighbour Notification Checked

Yes

Summary of Recommendation:

Approval subject to the below conditions is recommended.

Conditions

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 5 years from the date of this permission.

Reason: As required by Section 61 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

2. The existing mature trees and vegetation along boundaries of the site as indicated on Drawing 02 date stamped 14th June 2021 shall be retained unless necessary to prevent danger to the public in which case a full explanation along with a scheme for compensatory planting shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Council, prior to removal.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity.

3. If any retained tree is removed, uprooted or destroyed or dies within 5 years from the date of completion of the development it shall be replaced within the next planting season by another tree or trees in the same location of a species and size as specified by the Council.

Reason: To ensure the continuity of amenity afforded by existing trees.

4. All planting and boundary treatment comprised on Drawing 02 date stamped 14th June 2021 shall be carried out prior to the occupation of any of the dwellings hereby approved and any trees or shrubs which, within a period of 5 years from the occupation of the dwellings, die, are removed, or become seriously damaged or diseased shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of similar size and species.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity and to ensure the protection of residential amenity.

5. No development hereby permitted shall commence on site until such time as the applicant has provided adequate evidence to the Council that a suitable method of sewage disposal has been agreed in writing with Northern Ireland Water (NIW) and written confirmation that the Council has agreed discharge of this condition has been received. Should adoption of the sewerage system within the

development by NIW not be feasible, then an adequate and effective maintenance programme shall be put in place for a period not less than 20 years. The programme should be submitted and agreed for approval by Mid Ulster District Council prior to the construction of any of the dwellings hereby approved.

Reason: To ensure that a satisfactory, permanent means of sewage disposal is achieved and in the interest of safeguarding residential amenity and public health.

6. The Private Streets (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 as amended by the Private Streets (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1992.
The Council hereby determines that the width, position and arrangement of the streets, and the land to be regarded as being comprised in the streets, shall be as indicated on Drawing No. 03 Rev 2 bearing the date stamp 13 April 2022.

Reason: To ensure there is a safe and convenient road system within the development and to comply with the provisions of the Private Streets (Northern Ireland) Order 1980.

7. The Private Streets (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 as amended by the Private Streets (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1992.

No other development hereby permitted shall be occupied until the works necessary for the improvement of a public road have been completed in accordance with the details outlined in blue on Drawing No 03 Rev 2 bearing the date stamp 13 April 2022. The Council hereby attaches to the determination a requirement under Article 3(4A) of the above Order that such works shall be carried out in accordance with an agreement under Article 3 (4C).

Reason: To ensure that the road works considered necessary to provide a proper, safe and convenient means of access to the development are carried out.

8. The visibility splays of 2.4 metres by 40 metres and 2.4 metres by 60 metres at the junction of the proposed residential access road with the public road, shall be provided in accordance with Drawing No 03 Rev 2 bearing the date stamp 13 April 2022, prior to the commencement of any other works or other development.

Reason: To ensure there is a satisfactory means of access in the interests of road safety and the convenience of road users.

9. No dwelling(s) shall be occupied until that part of the service road which provides access to it has been constructed to base course; the final wearing course shall be applied on the completion of (each phase / the development.)

Reason: To ensure the orderly development of the site and the road works necessary to provide satisfactory access to each dwelling

10. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Planning (General Permitted Development) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015, or any Order revoking and/or re-enacting that Order, no buildings, walls or fences shall be erected, nor hedges, nor formal rows of trees grown in (verges/service strips) determined for adoption.

Reason: To ensure adequate visibility in the interests of road safety and the convenience of road users and to prevent damage or obstruction to services.

11. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Planning (General Permitted Development) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015, or any Order revoking and/or re-enacting that Order, no planting other than grass, flowers or shrubs with a shallow root system and a mature height of less than 500mm shall be carried out in (verges/service strips) determined for adoption.

Reason: In order to avoid damage to and allow access to the services within the service strip.

Informatives

- 1. This permission does not alter or extinguish or otherwise affect any existing or valid right of way crossing, impinging or otherwise pertaining to these lands.
- This permission does not confer title. It is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that he controls all the lands necessary to carry out the proposed development.
- 3. This determination relates to planning control only and does not cover any consent or approval which may be necessary to authorise the development under other prevailing legislation as may be administered by the Council or other statutory authority.
- 4. The applicant's attention is drawn to NI Water Consultation Response dated 29th June 2021.
- 5. Under the terms of The Private Streets (Construction) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001, design for any Street Lighting schemes will require approval from DfI Roads Street Lighting Consultancy, Marlborough House, Central Way, Craigavon, BT64 1AD. The Applicant is advised to contact DfI Roads Street Lighting Section at an early stage. The Applicant/Developer is also responsible for the cost of supervision of all street works determined under the Private Streets Order (Northern Ireland) 1980.

Signature(s)		
Date:		

Development Management Officer Report Committee Application

Summary			
Committee Meeting Date:	Item Number:		
Application ID: LA09/2021/1098/F	Target Date:		
Proposal: Change of house type from previously approved Ref: H/2005/0910/F & A/1062/PAC, & garage with alterations to previously approved access & laneway	Location: Approx 180 SE of 28 Broagh Road Knockloughrim		
Referral Route:			
Objections received Applicants father is an elected Councillor for Mic			
Recommendation:	Approval		
Applicant Name and Address: Mr Rory McPeake	Agent Name and Address: CMI Planners Ltd		
266 Hillhead Road	38B Airfield Road		
Magherafelt	Toomebridge BT41 3SG		
Executive Summary:			
Signature(s):			

Case Officer Report

Site Location Plan



Consultations:			
Consultation Type	Consultee		Response
Statutory	DFI Roads - Enniskillen Office		Standing Advice
Statutory	DFI Roads - Enniskillen Office		Standing Advice
Representations:	•		
Letters of Support		1	
Letters of Objection		2	
Number of Support Petitions and signatures		No Petitions Received	
Number of Petitions of Objection and signatures		No Petitions Received	

Summary of Issues

2 written objections have been received from a third party. The issues raised in these objections all relate to land ownership disputes which are civil matters and outside the control of the planning department. However, the planning department has to satisfy itself that the correct certificate has been completed as part of the planning application and relevant notice has been served on any owner of third party lands contained within the red line.

From the evidence provided from both parties the planning department are content that the relevant notice has been served on third parties and any further issues with landownership are civil matters outside the control on the Planning Department.

Characteristics of the Site and Area

The site is located within the open countryside, outside any defined settlement limits or other designated sites as per the Magherafelt Area Plan 2015. The site is located approximately 180m east of the public road with the access taken from an existing access. At the time of the site visit it was apparent works had commenced on site with the site being cleared, stones laid along the access and there was a small garage built to the north of the red line. The site is relatively flat with the site gently sloping south. There are existing boundaries to the north and east of the site where the dwelling is to be located with public views of the site quite limited. The immediate area is a mix of agricultural land uses and residential dwellings located.

Description of Proposal

This is a full planning application for a proposed change of house type from previously approved ref: H/2005/0910/F & A/1062/PAC, & garage with alterations to previously approved access & laneway.

Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations

Magherafelt Area Plan 2015 Strategic Planning Policy Statement (SPPS) PPS 21: Sustainable Development in the Countryside Local Development Plan 2030 - Draft Plan Strategy

The site is located outside any defined Settlement Limit. The site has no other zonings or designations related to the site.

The Strategic Planning Policy Statement outlines the aim to providing sustainable development and with respect to that should have regard to the development plan and any other material considerations. It notes the importance of sustainable development in the countryside, which promotes high standards in the design, siting and landscaping.

The principle of development was agreed under the previous application. Permission was granted for a proposed dwelling and garage from the appeal reference 2007/A1062 after planning reference H/2005/0910/F was refused. The PAC decision was made on 20th July 2009 and condition 4 required the development to be begun before the expiration of five years from the date of the permission. Therefore, permission was required to be begun by 19th July 2014. Evidence was submitted in the form of a letter from building control to confirm excavations commenced on site on 27th June 2014 and further evidence provided from invoices dated 27th June 2014 for concrete delivered to the site. Therefore I am content all pre commencement conditions were commenced prior to the expiry date. There was no pre-commencement condition in relation to the access and visibility splays other than the existing visibility splays were to be retained permanently. I am content following a site visit the visibility splays appeared to be in place. This application also deals with amendments to the access. Therefore, this application will focus on the design details of the dwelling and amendments to the original planning application.

Policy CTY13 states that planning permission will be granted for a building in the countryside where it can be visually integrated into the surrounding landscape and it is of an appropriate design. The site is well screened and views from the public road will be very limited. The proposed design is of a high quality and is appropriate to the countryside setting. The dwelling is proposed to be a two storey dwelling with a ridge height of 8.8m above finished floor level with the finishes to be sooth render finish with natural stone on part of the front elevation and the sun lounge to the side. A condition should be applied to any approval to ensure the stone used is

grey natural stone only. I am content it will not be a prominent feature in the landscape and will blend with the local landscape.

Policy CTY 14 states that planning permission will be granted for a building in the countryside where it does not cause a detrimental change to, or further erode the rural character of an area. I am content the proposed change of design will not cause a detrimental change to, or further erode the rural character of the area. It is considered that the proposal would not create or add to a ribbon of development.

PPS 3: Access, Movement and Parking

DfI Roads were consulted as the applicant was proposing alteration to the existing access, namely the visibility splays being changed to 2.4 x 45 metres and a 45 metre forward sight distance. DfI Roads have no objections and have viewed the written representations submitted.

Other Material Considerations

The Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan 2030 - Draft Plan Strategy was launched on 22nd February 2019 and is now a material planning consideration in assessing all planning applications in the District. Re-consultation on the Draft Plan Strategy closed at 5pm on 24th September 2020. All valid representations received will be subject to a Counter Representation period. In light of this, the draft plan does not carry the determining weight associated with the adopted plan.

Neighbour Notification Checked	Yes/No
September 2020. All valid representations received period. In light of this, the draft plan does not carry adopted plan.	•

Approval subject to conditions

Summary of Recommendation:

Conditions

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 5 years from the date of this permission.

Reason: As required by Section 61 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

2. This permission is granted solely as a substitute for the permission for a dwelling and garage on the site under H/2005/0910/F on 20th July 2009 and only one dwelling shall be constructed on the site.

Reason: To ensure that only one dwelling is constructed on site.

3. All landscaping comprised in the approved details of landscaping on the drawing No.02 Rev 02 date stamped 16th February 2022 shall be carried out in the first planting season following the commencement of any further development or other works hereby approved.

Reason: To ensure the development integrates into the countryside.

4. If within a period of 5 years from the date of the planting of any tree, shrub or hedge, that tree, shrub or hedge is removed, uprooted or destroyed or dies, or becomes, in the opinion of the Council, seriously damaged or defective, another tree, shrub or hedge of the same species and size as that originally planted shall be planted at the same place, unless the Council gives written consent to any variation.

Reason: To ensure the provision, establishment and maintenance of a high standard of landscape.

5. The existing mature trees and vegetation identified in drawing No.02 Rev 02 date stamped received 16 February 2022 shall be retained except where it is required to provide sight lines.

Reason: To ensure the maintenance of screening to the site.

6. If any retained tree or hedgerow is removed, uprooted or destroyed or dies within 3 years from the date of occupation of the building for its permitted use another tree or trees shall be planted at the same place and that/those tree(s) shall be of such size and species and shall be planted at such time as may be specified by the Council.

Reason: To ensure the continuity of amenity by existing trees.

7. The vehicular access including visibility splays 2.4 x 45 metres and a 45 metre forward sight distance, shall be provided in accordance with Drawing No 02 rev 02 bearing the date stamp 16 Feb 2022 prior to the commencement of any other development hereby permitted. The area within the visibility splays shall be cleared to provide a level surface no higher than 250mm above the level of the adjoining carriageway and such splays shall be retained and kept clear thereafter.

Reason: To ensure there is a satisfactory means of access in the interests of road safety and the convenience of road users.

8. The proposed stone work shall only be locally quarried grey natural stone only.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity and to maintain the rural character of the area.

Informative

- 1. This permission does not confer title. It is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that he controls all the lands necessary to carry out the proposed development.
- 2. This permission does not alter or extinguish or otherwise affect any existing or valid right of way crossing, impinging or otherwise pertaining to these lands.
- 3. This determination relates to planning control only and does not cover any consent or approval which may be necessary to authorise the development under other prevailing legislation as may be administered by the Council or other statutory authority.
- 4. This permission authorises only private domestic use of the proposed garage and does not confer approval on the carrying out of trade or business there from.
- 5. Not withstanding the terms and conditions of the Council's approval set out above, you are required under Articles 71-83 inclusive of the Roads (NI) Order 1993 to be in possession of the DfI Roads consent before any work is commenced which involves making or altering any opening to any boundary adjacent to the public road, verge, or footway or any part of said road, verge, or footway bounding the site. The consent is available on personal application to the DfI Roads Section Engineer whose address is Loughrey Campus, 49 Tullywiggan Road, Cookstown, BT80 8SG. A monetary deposit will be required to cover works on the public road.

- 6. It is the responsibility of the Developer to ensure that water does not flow from the site onto the public road (including verge or footway) and that existing road side drainage is preserved and does not allow water from the road to enter the site. This planning approval does not give authority to discharge any drainage into a Dfl Roads drainage system.
- 7. Precautions shall be taken to prevent the deposit of mud and other debris on the adjacent road by vehicles travelling to and from the construction site. Any mud, refuse, etc. deposited on the road as a result of the development, must be removed immediately by the operator/contractor.

Signature(s)	
Date:	
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	ANNEX
Date Valid	28th July 2021
Date First Advertised	10th August 2021
Date Last Advertised	7th December 2021

Details of Neighbour Notification (all addresses)

The Owner/Occupier.

26 Broagh Road Knockcloghrim Magherafelt

The Owner/Occupier,

27 Broagh Road Knockcloghrim Magherafelt

The Owner/Occupier,

28 Broagh Road Knockcloghrim Magherafelt

The Owner/Occupier,

29 Broagh Road Knockcloghrim Magherafelt

The Owner/Occupier,

30 Broagh Road Knockcloghrim Magherafelt

Bernadette Mulholland Solicitor

37 King Street, Magherafelt, BT45 6AR

Richella Rooney

Bernadette Mulholland Solicitors, 37 King Street, Magherafelt, BT45 6AR

Sean McPeake

Email

Date of Last Neighbour Notification	26th January 2022
Date of EIA Determination	
ES Requested	Yes /No

Planning History

Ref ID: LA09/2021/1098/F

Proposal: Change of house type from previously approved H/2005/0910/F & garage

Address: Approx 180 SE of 28 Broagh Road, Knockloughrim,

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: LA09/2019/1543/F

Proposal: Change of house type and garage from approved dwelling under H/2014/0441/F

Address: 20m South East of 29 Broagh Road, Knockloughrim,

Decision: PG

Decision Date: 06.08.2020

Ref ID: LA09/2019/0765/O

Proposal: Proposed dwelling and garage

Address: 50m NE of 28 Broagh Road Knockloughrim,

Decision: PG

Decision Date: 04.09.2019

Ref ID: LA09/2019/1562/RM Proposal: Dwelling & garage

Address: 50m NE of 28 Broagh Road, Knockloughrim,

Decision: PG

Decision Date: 11.08.2020

Ref ID: LA09/2020/1125/NMC

Proposal: Removal of external stone work 33m forward sight distance

Address: 20n S.E. of 29 Broagh Road, Knockloughrim,

Decision: WITHDR

Decision Date: 01.04.2021

Ref ID: LA09/2016/0575/LDE

Proposal: Substantial works for garage and access have commenced

Address: 20m S.E. of 29 Broagh Road, Knockloughrim,

Decision: PG Decision Date:

Ref ID: H/2005/0910/F

Proposal: Proposed dwelling and garage.

Address: 180m South East of 28 Broagh Road, Knockloughrim.

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: H/2009/0540/RM

Proposal: Proposed dwelling & garage

Address: 240m North East of no.29 Broagh Road, Knockloughrim

Decision:

Decision Date: 13.11.2009

Ref ID: H/2007/1019/RM

Proposal: Private dwelling and garage

Address: Approx. 20m North East of 28 Broagh Road, Knockloughrim

Decision:

Decision Date: 23.05.2008

Ref ID: H/2005/0117/O

Proposal: Site Of Dwelling & Garage

Address: 240 Metres North East Of 29 Broagh Road, Knockloughrim

Decision:

Decision Date: 19.09.2006

Ref ID: H/2011/0286/RM

Proposal: Proposed dwelling and garage

Address: 20m South East of 29 Broagh Road, Knockloughrim,

Decision:

Decision Date: 15.11.2011

Ref ID: H/2005/0291/O

Proposal: Site of Dwelling and Garage.

Address: 20m South East of No. 29 Broagh Road, Knockloughrim

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: H/1993/0148

Proposal: SITE OF CHALET DWELLING AND GARAGE

Address: ADJACENT TO 30 BROAGH ROAD KNOCKLOUGHRIM

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: H/2004/1362/O

Proposal: Site of dwelling and garage

Address: Approximately 20m North East of, 28 Broagh Road, Knockloughrim

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: H/1994/0148 Proposal: DWELLING

Address: ADJ TO 30 BROAGH ROAD KNOCKLOUGHRIM

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: H/2010/0352/F

Proposal: Proposed 1? storey rear extension to extend 1st floor bedroom and provision of

games room on ground floor

Address: 28 Broagh Road, Knockloughrim

Decision:

Decision Date: 09.09.2010

Ref ID: H/2010/0523/F

Proposal: Amended access onto existing laneway to that previously approved under

H/2007/1019/RM

Address: Approx 20m North East of 28 Broagh Road, Knockloughrim, Co. Derry, BT45 8QX,

Decision:

Decision Date: 18.04.2011

Ref ID: H/2014/0441/F

Proposal: Dwelling (change of house type from previous approval H/2011/0286/RM)

Address: 20m SE of 29 Broagh Road, Knockoughrim,

Decision: PG

Decision Date: 21.05.2015

Summary of Consultee Responses

Drawing Numbers and Title

Drawing No. 01 REV 02 Type: Site Location Plan

Status: Submitted

Drawing No. 02 REV 02

Type: Site Layout or Block Plan

Status: Submitted

Drawing No. 03 REV 01 Type: Proposed Plans Status: Submitted

Drawing No. 04 REV 01 Type: Garage Plans Status: Submitted

Drawing No. 05 REV 02 Type: Road Access Plan

Status: Submitted

Notification to Department (if relevant)

Date of Notification to Department:

Response of Department:



Mid-Ulster
Local Planning Office
Mid-Ulster Council Offices
50 Ballyronan Road
Magherafelt
BT45 6EN

Development Management Officer Report Committee Application

Summary		
Committee Meeting Date: 5th July 2022	Item Number:	
Application ID: LA09/2021/1149/F	Target Date:	
Proposal:	Location:	
New access	11a Strawmore Lane Doon Draperstown	
Referral Route:		
Committee		
Recommendation:	Refusal	
Applicant Name and Address: E Kelly Esq 11a Strawmore Lane Doon Draperstown	Agent Name and Address: Russell Finlay 350 Hillhead Road Magherafelt BT45 8QT	
Executive Summary:		
Signature(s):		

Case Officer Report

Site Location Plan



Consultations:			
Consultation Type	Consu	ltee	Response
Statutory	DFI Ro	ads - Enniskillen	Standing Advice
-	Office		-
Representations:			
Letters of Support		None Received	
Letters of Objection		None Received	
Number of Support Petitions	s and	No Petitions Receiv	red
signatures			
Number of Petitions of Obje	ction	No Petitions Receiv	red
and signatures			

Summary of Issues

Characteristics of the Site and Area

The application site is located at 11a Strawmore Lane, Doon Road, Draperstown and is located outside the designated settlement limits as defined in the Magherafelt Area Plan, 2015 and is located within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The Topography of the area rises up from the Doon Road towards no.11 before falling towards the entrance to the site of No 11a. The landform continues to rise towards the

south before falling away again towards the public road. The surrounding area is predominantly rural.

Description of Proposal

The proposal is a full application for a New Access

Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations

Magherafelt Area Plan, 2015
Strategic Planning Policy Statement (SPPS)
PPS 3 Access, Movement and Parking
PPS 21 Sustainable Development in the Countryside
DCAN 15 Vehicular Access Standards

The site is located in the open countryside as defined by the Magherafelt Area Plan, 2015. Development in the countryside is controlled under the provisions of the SPPS and PPS 21 Sustainable Development in the countryside.

Section 45 (1) of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 requires regard to be had to the Development Plan, so far as material to the application and to any other material considerations. Section 6 (4) states that the determination must be made in accordance with the Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The Magherafelt Area Plan does not contain any specific policies relevant to the application or the site within which it sits. The principal planning policies are therefore provided by PPS 21 and the SPPS.

The SPPS provides a regional framework of planning policy that will be taken account of in the preparation of Mid Ulster Council's Local Development Plan (LDP). At present, the LDP has not been adopted therefore transitional arrangements require the council to take account of the SPPS and existing planning policy documents, with the exception of PPS 1, 5 and 9. Section 6.73 of the SPPS relates to development that is acceptable in the countryside. Section 6.77 states that 'proposals for development in the countryside must be sited and designed to integrate sympathetically with their surroundings, must not have an adverse impact on the rural character of the area, and meet other planning and environmental considerations including those for drainage, sewerage, access and road safety'.

The Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan 2030 -Draft Plan Strategy was launched on 22nd February 2019 and is now a material planning consideration in assessing all planning applications in the District. Re-consultation on the Draft Plan Strategy closed at 5pm on 24th September 2020. All valid representations received will be subject to a Counter Representation period. In light of this, the draft plan does not carry the determining weight associated with the adopted plan

Thee policy test for this application is Planning Policy Statement 3:- Access, Movement and Parking.

DFI Roads were consulted on the application and responded to say that the visibility splays as proposed on drawing 02 dated 06 Aug 2021 will not provide a safe access onto Strawmore Lane Draperstown due to the location of the Doon Bridge range wall on the Northern side of the access which is within the proposed visibility splays.

The proposed access will not meet the DCAN 15 minimum standard of 2.0 x 30 metres due to the close proximity (18.0m) to the location of Doon Bridge range wall.

The approved access for this dwelling (LA09/2018/1262/F) onto Doon Road is the most appropriate and safe access to the public road network.

The proposal is contrary to Planning Policy Statement 3, Access, Movement and Parking AMP 2, in that it would, if permitted, prejudice the safety and convenience of road users since the visibility splays of 2.4 metres x 45 metres from the proposed access cannot be provided in accordance with the standards contained in the Departments Development Control Advise Note 15. Dfl Roads recommend a refusal for the above application.

With this in mind I consider the proposed access arrangements to be unacceptable and in contrary to the provisions of PPS 3 - Access, Movement and Parking

Conclusion

The proposed access is clearly unacceptable and contrary to the provision of PPS 3 and DCAN 15 and therefore refusal is recommended

Neighbour Notification Checked

Yes

Summary of Recommendation:

Refusal

Reasons for refusal:

- 1. The proposal is contrary to Planning Policy Statement 3, Access, Movement and Parking AMP 2, in that it would, if permitted, prejudice the safety and convenience of road users since the visibility splays of 2.4 metres x 45 metres from the proposed access cannot be provided in accordance with the standards.
- The proposed access will not meet the DCAN 15 minimum standard of 2.0 x 30 metres due to the close proximity (18.0m) to the location of Doon Bridge range wall.

 The approved access for this dwelling (LA09/2018/1262/F) onto Doon Road is the most appropriate and safe access to the public road network.
Signature(s)
Date:

ANNEX	
Date Valid	6th August 2021
Date First Advertised	24th August 2021
Date Last Advertised	

Details of Neighbour Notification (all addresses)

The Owner/Occupier,

11 Strawmore Lane Draperstown Londonderry

The Owner/Occupier,

11b Strawmore Lane, Draperstown, Londonderry, BT45 7JJ

The Owner/Occupier,

14 Strawmore Lane Draperstown Londonderry

Date of Last Neighbour Notification	25th August 2021
Date of EIA Determination	
ES Requested	Yes /No

Planning History

Ref ID: LA09/2018/1262/F

Proposal: Change of house type from 1.5 storey to bungalow utilizing the existing

footings as previously constructed under H/2006/1003/RM. Address: 70m SSW of 11 Strawmore Lane, Draperstown.,

Decision: PG

Decision Date: 10.05.2019

Ref ID: LA09/2021/1149/F Proposal: New access

Address: 11a Strawmore Lane, Doon, Draperstown,

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: LA09/2017/1188/RM

Proposal: New dwelling and garage

Address: 80m S.E. of 11 Strawmore Lane, Draperstown,

Decision: PG

Decision Date: 16.11.2017

Ref ID: LA09/2018/0177/F

Proposal: Extension to dwelling and conversion of garage to home gym

Address: 11 Strawmore Lane, Doon Road, Draperstown,

Decision: PG

Decision Date: 07.06.2018

Ref ID: H/2003/0562/O

Proposal: Site of dwelling and garage.

Address: Approx 280 SE of No 10 Strawmore Lane, Moneyneena, Draperstown.

Decision:

Decision Date: 19.01.2004

Ref ID: H/2004/0965/RM

Proposal: Dwelling and garage

Address: 280m South East of, 10 Strawmore Lane, Moneyneena, Draperstown

Decision:

Decision Date: 03.08.2005

Ref ID: H/2012/0159/O

Proposal: Proposed dwelling and garage

Address: 30m South East of 11 Strawmore Lane, Draperstown, Access via Doon Road,

Decision: PR

Decision Date: 18.03.2014

Ref ID: H/2006/1003/RM Proposal: Dwelling and garage

Address: 300m South East of 10 Strawmore Lane, Draperstown

Decision:

Decision Date: 24.04.2007

Ref ID: H/2003/0561/O

Proposal: Site of dwelling and garage.

Address: Approx 300m SE of No 10 Strawmore Lane, Moneyneeny, Draperstown.

Decision:

Decision Date: 19.01.2004

Ref ID: H/2003/0014/O

Proposal: Site of dwelling and garage.

Address: Approx. 200m South of 10 Strawmore Lane, Moneyneeny, Draperstown.

Decision:

Decision Date: 18.03.2003

Ref ID: H/2006/0065/RM

Proposal: Proposed New Dwelling & Garage

Address: 200m South Of 10 Strawmore Lane, Moneyneena

Decision:

Decision Date: 10.05.2006

Ref ID: H/2002/0407/O

Proposal: Site for Dwelling & Garage.

Address: 200m south of 10 Strawmore Lane, Moneyneany, Draperstown.

Decision:

Decision Date: 09.09.2002

Ref ID: LA09/2015/0085/O Proposal: Dwelling and garage

Address: 80m South East of 11 Strawmore Lane, Draperstown, Access via Doon Road,

Decision: PG

Decision Date: 04.11.2016

Summary of Consultee Responses

Drawing Numbers and Title

Drawing No.

Type:

Status: Submitted

Drawing No. 01

Type: Site Location Plan

Status: Submitted

Drawing No. 02

Type: Site Layout or Block Plan

Status: Submitted

Notification to Department (if relevant)

Date of Notification to Department:

Response of Department:



Development Management Officer Report Committee Application

Summary		
Committee Meeting Date:	Item Number:	
Application ID: LA09/2021/1284/F	Target Date:	
Proposal: Proposed dwelling under PPS 21 policy CTY 2a - New dwellings in existing clusters.	Location: Rear of 123 Creagh Road Newbridge Magherafelt.	
Referral Route:		
To Committee - Refusal - Contrary to CTY 1, 2a, of PPS 21.		
Recommendation:		
Applicant Name and Address: Emma Gribbin 123 Creagh Road Newbridge Magherafelt BT45 8EY	Agent Name and Address: John Kearney Architecture 115 Oldtown Road Castledawson BT45 8BZ	
Executive Summary: Refusal		
Signature(s): Peter Henry		

Case Officer Report

Site Location Plan



Consultations:			
Consultation Type	Consultee		Response
Statutory	DFI Ro	ads - Enniskillen Office	Content
Statutory	Historic Environment Division (HED)		Content
Representations:	Representations:		
Letters of Support		None Received	
Letters of Objection		None Received	
Number of Support Petitions signatures	and	No Petitions Received	
Number of Petitions of Object and signatures	tion	No Petitions Received	

Summary of Issues

To Committee - Refusal - Contrary to CTY 1, 2a, of PPS 21.

Characteristics of the Site and Area

The site is located approximately 1km north west of the development limits of Creagh and it is designated to be within the open countryside as per the Magherafelt Area Plan 2015. The site is located to the rear of No. 123 Creagh Road where the intention is to use the existing access of No. 123. The red line covers a portion of land currently used as a paddock for the housing of one horses. The immediate area is defined by a mix of residential, commercial and agricultural with the wider being predominately agricultural.

Representations

Four Neighbour notifications were sent out however no representations received in connection with this application.

Description of Proposal

This is a full application for dwelling under PPS 21 policy CTY 2a - New dwellings in existing clusters, the site is identified as rear of 123 Creagh Road, Newbridge, Magherafelt.

Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations

Magherafelt Area Plan 2015

Mid Ulster Local Development Plan 2030 - Draft Strategy

Strategic Planning Policy Statement (SPPS)

PPS 21: Sustainable Development in the Countryside

PPS 3 - Access, Movement and Parking;

The SPPS provides a regional framework of planning policy that will be taken into account of in the preparation of Mid Ulster's Local Development Plan (LDP). At present, the LDP has not been adopted therefore transitional arrangements require the Council to take account of the SPPS and existing planning policy documents, with the exception of PPS 1, 5 and 9. Section 6.73 of the SPPS relates to development that is acceptable in the countryside, which includes infill opportunities. Section 6.77 states that 'proposals for development in the countryside must be sited and designed to integrate sympathetically with their surroundings must not have an adverse impact on the rural character of the area, and meet other planning and environmental considerations including those for drainage, sewerage, access and road safety'.

Development in the countryside is controlled under the provisions of PPS 21 Sustainable Development in the countryside. I note that this application has been applied for under CTY 2a. As such CTY 2a states that planning permission will be granted for a dwelling at an existing cluster of development provided all the following criteria are met:

- The cluster of development lies outside of a farm and consists of four or more buildings (excluding ancillary buildings such as garages, outbuildings and open sided structures) of which at least three are dwellings;
- The cluster appears as a visual entity in the local landscape;
- The cluster is associated with a focal point such as a social/community building/facility, or is located at a cross-roads,
- The identified site provides a suitable degree of enclosure and is bounded on at least two sides with other development in the cluster;
- Development of the site can be absorbed into the existing cluster through rounding off and consolidation and will not significantly alter its existing character, or visually intrude into the open countryside; and
- Development would not adversely impact on residential amenity.

With regards to the first criteria, I am content that the cluster lies outside a farm and consists of four or more buildings in that at least three of these are dwellings. Furthermore I am content that the cluster appears as a visual entity. I am content that the old 'Gribbin House' factory building is able to provide a focal point however I hold the view that it is too far detached from the cluster to be considered as associated.

In terms of suitable degree of enclosure I am content that the site is able to bound with No. 123 on the western boundary, capable of bounding with No.119a along the southern boundary therefore I am content that there is suitable bounding. Given the location of the dwelling I am content that it will be fully absorbed into the cluster. Finally, given the size and location of the dwelling I am content that this dwelling is unlikely to result in an adverse impact on neighbouring amenity.

As such I hold the view that the application has failed under CTY 2a given the issue over the association with the focal point.

I note that no other case has been put forward by the applicant, in that there is no replacement or conversion opportunity, no farm case provided, not considered an infill. Finally there has been no personal and domestic circumstances provided nor any case for a dwelling for non-agricultural business.

Policy CTY 13 states that planning permission will be granted for a building in the countryside where it can be visually integrated into the surrounding landscape and it is of an appropriate design. Upon review of the proposed design I am content that it is acceptable and the dwelling will be able to successfully integrate into the landscape. I am content that the application is able to comply under CTY 13.

In terms of policy CTY 14 planning permission will only be granted for a building in the countryside where it does not cause a detrimental change to, or further erode the rural character of an area. I am content that the proposed development complies under CTY 14 as the dwelling will not result in an adverse impact of the rural character of the area.

The Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy was launched on 22nd February 2019 and is now a material planning consideration in assessing all planning applications in the District. Re-consultation on the Draft Plan Strategy closed at 5pm on 24th September 2020. The period for Counter Representations closed on 18th December 2020. On the 28th May 2021 the Council submitted the draft Plan Strategy to DFI for them to cause and Independent Examination, In light of this, the draft Plan Strategy does not yet carry determining weight.

PPS 3 - Access, Movement and Parking;

DFI Roads were consulted and responded to state that there were content subject to conditions, I am content that this has shown compliance under PPS 3.

A consultation was also sent to HED, who confirmed that they were content with the proposal.

I have no flooding, ecological or residential amenity concerns.

Neighbour Notification Checked

Yes

Summary of Recommendation:

Refusal

Reasons for Refusal:

1. The proposal is contrary to Policy CTY1 of Planning Policy Statement 21, Sustainable Development in the Countryside in that there are no overriding reasons why this development is essential in this rural location and could not be located within a settlement.

2.The proposal is contrary to Policy CTY2a of Planning Policy Statement 21, New Dwellings in Existing Clusters in that the cluster is not associated with a focal point or it is not located at a cross-roads.	
Signature(s) Date:	

ANNEX	
Date Valid	2nd September 2021
Date First Advertised	14th September 2021
Date Last Advertised	

Details of Neighbour Notification (all addresses)

The Owner/Occupier,

115a Creagh Road Castledawson

The Owner/Occupier,

117 Creagh Road Castledawson Londonderry

The Owner/Occupier,

119 Creagh Road Castledawson Londonderry

The Owner/Occupier,

121 Creagh Road Castledawson Londonderry

Date of Last Neighbour Notification	14th September 2021
Date of EIA Determination	
ES Requested	Yes /No

Planning History

Ref ID: LA09/2021/1284/F

Proposal: Proposed dwelling under PPS 21 policy CTY 2a - New dwellings in existing

clusters.

Address: Rear of 123 Creagh Road, Newbridge, Magherafelt.,

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: H/1991/0066 Proposal: BUNGALOW

Address: REAR OF 121 CREAGH ROAD CASTLEDAWSON

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: H/1994/0082

Proposal: SITE OF FARMWORKERS DWELLING Address: CREAGH ROAD CASTLEDAWSON

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: H/1990/0123

Proposal: SITE OF BUNGALOW

Address: BEHIND NO 121 CREAGH ROAD CASTLEDAWSON

Decision:

Decision Date:

Ref ID: H/1991/0387

Proposal: UNDERGROUND SEWAGE PUMPING STATION WITH CONTROL KIOSK

Address: ADJ TO 121 CREAGH ROAD, ANNAHORISH CASTLEDAWSON

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: H/1990/0356

Proposal: SITE OF BUNGALOW

Address: REAR OF 121 CREAGH ROAD CASTLEDAWSON

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: H/1990/0273

Proposal: SITE OF BUNGALOW

Address: BESIDE 121 CREAGH ROAD CASTLEDAWSON

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: H/1993/6146

Proposal: SITE OF DWELLING CREAGH ROAD CASTLEDAWSON

Address: CREAGH ROAD

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: H/1995/0172

Proposal: DWELLING AND GARAGE

Address: BETWEEN 119 & 121 CREAGH ROAD CASTLEDAWSON

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: H/1993/0158

Proposal: SITE OF DWELLING

Address: BETWEEN 119 AND 121 CREAGH ROAD CASTLEDAWSON

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: H/2014/0435/F

Proposal: New 33kv 3x200mm AAAC system reinforcement between Creagh Sub Station and Tobermore. Overhead line will consist of single wood pole structures and

double wood pole structures (H Poles)

Address: From: 122 Creagh Road Castledawson (VIA) Creagh Annaghmore Killyneese Aghagaskin Glenmaquill Grange Dromore Drumsamney Moyasset To 42 Desertmartin

Road Tobermore, Decision: PG

Decision Date: 15.12.2016

Summary of Consultee Responses

Drawing Numbers and Title

Drawing No. 01

Type: Site & Detailed Drawings

Status: Submitted

Drawing No. 02

Type: Elevations and Floor Plans

Status: Submitted

Notification to Department (if relevant)

Date of Notification to Department:

Response of Department:



Development Management Officer Report Committee Application

Summary		
Committee Meeting Date:	Item Number:	
Application ID: LA09/2021/1352/RM	Target Date:	
Proposal: Proposed dwelling and garage	Location: 60m West of 28 Dirnan Road Cookstown BT80 9XL	
Referral Route:		
Objection Received		
Recommendation:	Approval	
Applicant Name and Address: Mr Greg Donaghy 18 Dirnan Road Cookstown	Agent Name and Address: Peter Hampsey 35 Old Rectory Park Cookstown BT80 9XR	
Executive Summary:		
Signature(s):		

Case Officer Report

Site Location Plan



Consultations:		
Consultation Type	Consultee	Response
Statutory	DFI Roads - Enniskillen Office	Content
Non Statutory	NIEA	
Representations:		<u> </u>
Letters of Support	None Received	

Representations.	
Letters of Support	None Received
Letters of Objection	1
Number of Support Petitions and	No Petitions Received
signatures	
Number of Petitions of Objection and	No Petitions Received
signatures	

Summary of Issues

One letter of objection has been received in relation to this application. All issues have been fully considered as part of this planning application. A summary of issues are contained below:

- The dwelling with result in disturbance, habitat loss and endangerment of Curlew species.
- The proposal includes a new laneway instead of using an existing laneway, which will impact on the character of the area within the AONB.
- The proposed laneway will run through existing drainage ditches.

- Concerns over the size of the dwelling and that it will be a prominent feature in the landscape.
- Results in overdevelopment of the AONB.

Characteristics of the Site and Area

The site is located within the open countryside, outside any defined settlement limits as per the Cookstown Area Plan, it is also located within part of the Sperrins Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The red line of the application includes an access lane from the public road, travelling north west for approximately 300m until it reaches the site for the dwelling. The land rises gently from the road, until a relatively undefined site, with the northern boundary being defined by trees and hedges with the remainder of the site undefined. The area is agricultural in nature with agricultural buildings located adjacent to the site with single dwellings located further beyond the site.

Description of Proposal

This is a reserved matters application for a proposed dwelling and garage.

Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations

Cookstown Area Plan 2010

Strategic Planning Policy Statement (SPPS)

PPS 21: Sustainable Development in the Countryside

PPS 3: Access, Movement and Parking

When outline planning permission was granted re. LA09/2018/0362/O the principle of development at this location was agreed, including the use of a new laneway through at the location shown. There were a number of conditions were imposed and I am content that the conditions set out have been complied with.

The Strategic Planning Policy Statement outlines the aim to providing sustainable development and with respect to that should have regard to the development plan and any other material considerations. The general planning principles with respect to this proposal have been complied with.

Policy CTY 1 of PPS 21 requires all proposals for development in the countryside to be sited and designed to integrate sympathetically with their surroundings and to meet other environmental considerations including those for drainage, access and road safety. In particular, Policy CTY 13 - Integration and Design of Buildings in the Countryside and Policy CTY 14 - Rural Character of PPS 21 are relevant to this proposal. These policies require development to be appropriately designed and integrated into the surrounding landscape to ensure the rural character of the area is not harmed.

Policy CTY13 states that planning permission will be granted for a building in the countryside where it can be visually integrated into the surrounding landscape and it is of an appropriate design. I am content that the dwelling will not be a prominent feature within the landscape, and the established boundaries at the site and along the road will ensure the dwelling integrates into the landscape. Although the proposed laneway is not an existing established laneway, it does show signs of being used by farm vehicles to access the wider fields and I am content that access will not have a negative impact on the surrounding area. I am content that the design of the building is appropriate for the site and its locality. The dwelling will blend with the natural

landform and is visually linked with and sited to cluster with the established group of buildings on the farm as agreed in the outline planning application.

Policy CTY 14 states that, "planning permission will be granted for a building in the countryside where it does not cause a detrimental change to, or further erode the rural character of an area." As previously mentioned the new dwelling will not be unduly prominent in the landscape. It will not result in a suburban style build-up of development. As The design of the proposed dwelling respects the pattern of development within the area. I am content that the ancillary works will not damage the rural character of the area.

PPS 3- Access, Movement and Parking

Dfl Roads were consulted and area content with the proposal subject to conditions.

Other Material Considerations

The objector raised concerns over the developments impact on protected and priority species and habitats. As a result, the agent submitted a completed habitats checklist and am ecological statement was submitted with this and determined it would have no impact on any of these. NIEA were consulted to review the habitats checklist and provide feedback. Following the consultation NED offered no objection and is content the proposal is unlikely to significantly impact breeding waders. NED have provided a condition to be attached relating to the removal of hedgerows and stating these should not take place between 1st March & 31st August in order to protect breeding birds.

SES were informally consulted as the objector raised concerns that the development of the access lane would run over drainage ditches. SES confirmed formal consultation is not required as although there may be the possibility that local watercourses indirectly connect into Lough Neagh & Lough Beg SPA/Ramsar site they are located 14.5KM east as the crow flies. Any potential connection to these European sites would be of an even greater distance.

The Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy was launched on 22nd February 2019 and is now a material planning consideration in assessing all planning applications in the District. Re-consultation on the Draft Plan Strategy closed at 5pm on 24th September 2020. The period for Counter Representations closed on 18th December 2020. On the 28th May 2021 the Council submitted the draft Plan Strategy to DFI for them to cause and Independent Examination, In light of this, the draft Plan Strategy does not yet carry determining weight.

Neighbour Notification Checked

Yes/No

Summary of Recommendation:

Approval subject to conditions

Conditions

- 1. The development to which this approval relates must be begun by whichever is the later of the following dates:-
- i. The expiration of a period of 5 years from the grant of outline planning permission; or
- ii. The expiration of a period of 2 years from the date hereof.

Reason: As required by Section 62 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

2. All landscaping comprised in the approved details of landscaping on stamped drawing No.02 date stamped 08th September 2021 shall be carried out in the first planting season following the commencement of the construction of the development hereby approved.

Reason: To ensure the development integrates into the countryside.

3. If any retained tree is removed, uprooted or destroyed or dies within 3 years from the date of occupation of the building for its permitted use another tree or trees shall be planted at the same place and that/those tree(s) shall be of such size and species and shall be planted at such time as may be specified by the Council.

Reason: To ensure the continuity of amenity by existing trees.

4. If within a period of 5 years from the date of the planting of any tree, shrub or hedge, that tree, shrub or hedge is removed, uprooted or destroyed or dies, or becomes, in the opinion of the Council, seriously damaged or defective, another tree, shrub or hedge of the same species and size as that originally planted shall be planted at the same place, unless the Council gives written consent to any variation.

Reason: To ensure the provision, establishment and maintenance of a high standard of landscape.

5. The vehicular access including visibility splays 2.4 x 60 metres and any forward sight distance, shall be provided in accordance with Drawing No 03 Rev 01 bearing the date stamp 22nd March 2022 prior to the commencement of any other development hereby permitted. The area within the visibility splays shall be cleared to provide a level surface no higher than 250mm above the level of the adjoining carriageway and such splays shall be retained and kept clear thereafter.

Reason: To ensure there is a satisfactory means of access in the interests of road safety and the convenience of road users.

6. No removal of hedgerows or trees shall take place between 1 March and 31 August inclusive, unless a competent ecologist has undertaken a detailed check for active bird's nests immediately before clearance and provided written confirmation that no nests are present / birds will be harmed and / or there are appropriate measures in place to protect nesting birds. Any such written confirmation shall be submitted to the Planning Authority within 6 weeks of works commencing.

Reason: To protect breeding birds.

<u>Informative</u>

- 1. This permission does not confer title. It is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that he controls all the lands necessary to carry out the proposed development.
- 2. This permission does not alter or extinguish or otherwise affect any existing or valid right of way crossing, impinging or otherwise pertaining to these lands.
- 3. This determination relates to planning control only and does not cover any consent or approval which may be necessary to authorise the development under other prevailing legislation as may be administered by the Planning Authority or other statutory authority.

- 4. Not withstanding the terms and conditions of the Council's approval set out above, you are required under Articles 71-83 inclusive of the Roads (NI) Order 1993 to be in possession of the Dfl Roads consent before any work is commenced which involves making or altering any opening to any boundary adjacent to the public road, verge, or footway or any part of said road, verge, or footway bounding the site. The consent is available on personal application to the Dfl Roads Section Engineer whose address is Loughrey Campus, 49 Tullywiggan Road, Cookstown, BT80 8SG. A monetary deposit will be required to cover works on the public road.
- 5. It is the responsibility of the Developer to ensure that water does not flow from the site onto the public road (including verge or footway) and that existing road side drainage is preserved and does not allow water from the road to enter the site. This planning approval does not give authority to discharge any drainage into a Dfl Roads drainage system.
- 6. Precautions shall be taken to prevent the deposit of mud and other debris on the adjacent road by vehicles travelling to and from the construction site. Any mud, refuse, etc. deposited on the road as a result of the development, must be removed immediately by the operator/contractor.
- 7. The applicant's attention is drawn to Article 4 of the Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (as amended) under which it is an offence to intentionally or recklessly: kill, injure or take any wild bird; or

take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while that nest is in use or being built;

at any other time take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird included in Schedule A1; or

obstruct or prevent any wild bird from using its nest; or

take or destroy an egg of any wild bird; or

disturb any wild bird while it is building a nest or is in, on or near a nest containing eggs or young; or

disturb dependent young of such a bird.

Any person who knowingly causes or permits to be done an act which is made unlawful by any of these provisions shall also be guilty of an offence.

It is therefore advised that any tree or hedgerow loss or vegetation clearance should be kept to a minimum and removal should not be carried out during the bird breeding season between 1st March and 31st August.

Signature(s)	
Date:	

ANNEX		
Date Valid	6th September 2021	
Date First Advertised	28th September 2021	
Date Last Advertised	23rd November 2021	

Details of Neighbour Notification (all addresses)

The Owner/Occupier,

27 Dirnan Road Cookstown Londonderry

The Owner/Occupier,

29 Dirnan Road Cookstown Londonderry

The Owner/Occupier,

30 Dirnan Road Cookstown Londonderry

Malachy A. Donaghy

32 Dirnan Road, Cookstown, BT80 9XL

Date of Last Neighbour Notification	20th January 2022
Date of EIA Determination	
ES Requested	Yes /No

Planning History

Ref ID: LA09/2021/1352/RM

Proposal: Proposed dwelling and garage

Address: 60m West of 28 Dirnan Road, Castledawson,

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: LA09/2018/0362/O

Proposal: Proposed dwelling and garage

Address: 60m W of no. 28 Dirnan Road, Cookstown,

Decision: PG

Decision Date: 26.09.2018

Summary of Consultee Responses

Drawing Numbers and Title

Drawing No. 01

Type: Site Location Plan

Status: Submitted

Drawing No. 02

Type: Site Layout or Block Plan Status: Submitted

Drawing No. 03 Rev 01 Type: Road Access Plan

Status: Submitted

Drawing No. 04

Type: Elevations and Floor Plans

Status: Submitted

Notification to Department (if relevant)

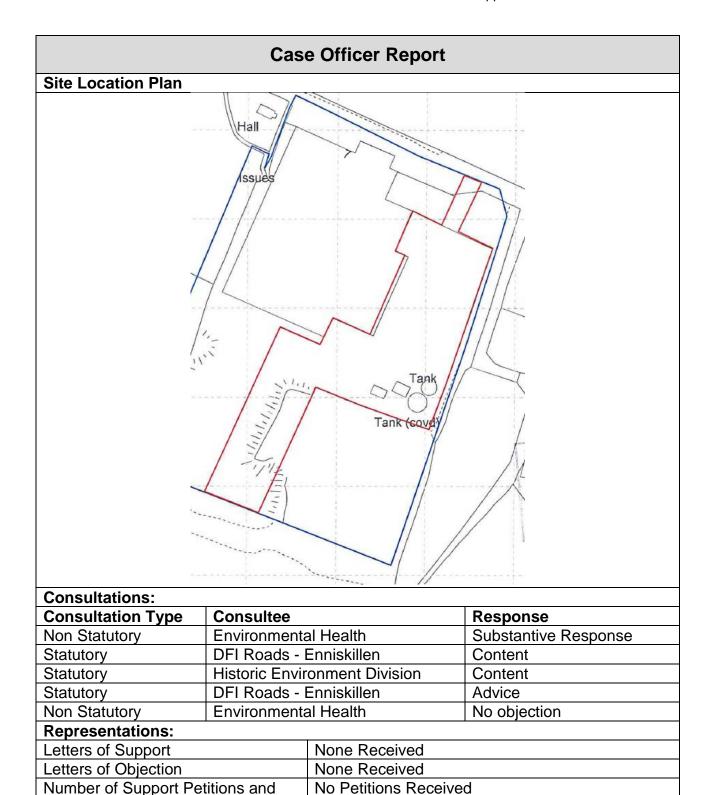
Date of Notification to Department:

Response of Department:



Development Management Officer Report Committee Application

Summary		
Committee Meeting Date:	Item Number:	
Application ID: LA09/2021/1372/F	Target Date:	
Proposal: Retention of lean to shed to the	Location: Meteor	
high bay area to facilitate kit assembly &	7 Corchoney Road	
retention of extension to the docking area	Cookstown	
Referral Route: 2no. Objections Received		
Recommendation:	Approval	
Applicant Name and Address:	Agent Name and Address:	
Meteor Electrical	TA Gourley	
7 Corchoney Road	Moveagh House	
Cookstown	35 Moveagh Road	
BT80 9HU	Cookstown	
Executive Summary: Proposal considered against relevant prevailing planning policy below. 2 letters of representation received and considered below.		
Signature(s):		



Characteristics of the Site and Area

Number of Petitions of Objection

signatures

and signatures

The site is located outside any defined settlement development limits as identified in the Cookstown Area Plan 2010. The site encompasses a portion of a large electrical wholesales business which has a 140m frontage onto the Corchoney Road. The business has an office/administration building with visitor parking to the front and large warehouse/storage facilities to the rear. The majority of the site is secured by paladin

No Petitions Received

fencing security. The site is accessed via an existing hardcored entrance onto the Corchoney Road. The site is relatively flat however it is noted that the ground levels rise significantly beyond the red line to the north. The surrounding area is rural in nature and located on a minor road, however the main A505 is located in close proximity and there are public views of the established business when travelling in either direction of this road network. The proposed works consolidate and are viewed in association with Meteor's overall site and associated buildings.

Description of Proposal

This planning application seeks retrospective planning permission for the retention of lean to shed to the high bay area to facilitate kit assembly and retention of extension to the docking area at Meteor, 7 Corchoney Road, Cookstown.

Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations

Section 45(1) of the Planning Act (NI) 2011 requires the Council, in dealing with an application, to have regard to the local development plan (LDP), so far as material to the application, and to any other material considerations. Section 6(4) requires that the determination of proposals must be in accordance with the LDP unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The following documents provide the primary policy context for the determination of this application:

- Regional Development Strategy 2030
- Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland
- Cookstown Area Plan 2010
- PPS 3 Access, Movement and Parking
- PPS 4 Planning and Economic Development
- PPS 21 Sustainable Development in the Countryside

The Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy was launched on 22nd February 2019 and is now a material planning consideration in assessing all planning applications in the District. Re-consultation on the Draft Plan Strategy closed at 5pm on 24th September 2020. The period for Counter Representations closed on 18th December 2020. On the 28th May 2021 the Council submitted the draft Plan Strategy to DFI for them to cause and Independent Examination. In light of this, the draft Plan Strategy does not yet carry determining weight

Representations

Press advertisement and neighbour notification has been carried out in line with the Council's statutory duty. At the time of writing, two objections were received from Doris and McMahon Solicitors on behalf of their clients Michael and Ann McNally, the content of these letters are summarised and considered below:

Existing operations impact on residents particularly 11 Corchoney Road which
has approval for a replacement dwelling and is located 95m from the loading
dock. The objection questions has a noise risk assessment been undertaken. The
extensive use of the site 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year is in
excess of acceptable environmental health levels in terms of noise and light
pollution.

Environmental Health Department (EHD) were consulted on this application and had no concerns. Following receipt of the two objection letters, I asked EHD to provide a further response considering the objectors comments. EHD have advised a noise or light impact assessment is not necessary however have requested a condition attached to any forthcoming approval requiring the submission of a noise survey following a reasonable noise complaint from the occupant of a dwelling which lawfully exits. It is considered that this is appropriate and would adequately safeguard residential amenity from the proposed works. It is noted that this is an existing established business and the proposal relates solely to a lean to shed extension for kit assembly and extended docking area. It is not considered that the proposed works would detrimentally impact residential amenity to warrant refusal. Should existing established operations be causing detrimental noise or pollution which is negatively impacting on residential amenity, this should be reported to Mid Ulster Council Environmental Health to investigate.

• The objector refers to a right of way over a laneway granted to Meteor in 2011 which was designed for agricultural purposes. The objector states Surefreight are operating out of the rear of the premises and the laneway is not suitable to facilitate large HGV vehicles, with no passing bays. The sub-letting to Surefreight and the continuous HGV traffic is an extension of use which does not have planning permission. Surefreight have not been operating out of the premises for the relevant time scale to grant the Certificate of Lawful Development.

The laneway and use of the rear of premises referred to fall outside the red line of this application and are currently subject to a Certificate of Lawful Development application. It is noted there is also currently an enforcement investigation on the premises. The lawfulness of the works referred to do not form part of this application and therefore are not to be considered under this application. It is noted that the agent has provided a letter from the Commercial Director of Surefreight stating they do deliver and collect from the Meteor site behalf of third part clients however they do not have property rented or purchased from meteor or any connected party of meteor and do not run 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

• The objector states planning permission I/2006/0969/F was for an extension to a storage facility and not for road haulage distribution, assembly or an articulated trailer docking/storage area. Objection questions if kit assembly is another extension of use for which the requisite planning permission is not in place. Meteor electric limited was a small scale distribution depot using mid-sized vans and at no stage did they ever use HGV's for their distribution requirements. Current business operation includes the storage and docking of articulate trailers.

It should be noted that storage use falls under Class B4: storage or distribution of the Planning (Use Classes) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015. Therefore the distribution operations the objector refers to would fall under the same use class without requiring a change of use planning application. The agent has provided a supporting statement which details a time line of operations on the site. He has argued that manufacturing and distribution was first established on the site in 1983 with Park Cookers manufacturing/ engineering. Following this the applicant began manufacturing mirrors in 1991, then began to manufacture and package meter control panel kits and then the business expanded into assembling electrical components, packaging them into orders/kits and distributing. The agent argued the size of the fleet was of a scale that permission

I/2007/0132/F was required to provide a specific building to carry out the repair and maintenance of fleet vehicles. Having considered the agents arguments around kit assembly and distribution operations on the site at internal group with the Principal Planner, it is considered on the basis of information provided that the proposed kit assembly use would not be a new use on the established premises and is considered acceptable.

• The objector has provided the below aerial photograph stating the actual use is in stark contrast to the theoretical use submitted. The site is overcrowded and overdeveloped without acceptable visibility splays, road edges, turning and parking for the extensive number of vehicles present. Traffic on site has increased significantly from the original approval for storage facilities and a Transport Assessment Form should have been submitted for the change to a HGV distribution depot use of the site. This extension of use has caused significant damage to road verges, their client's fence and HGV vehicles and trailers are continually parked along the road verge obstructing visibility splays presenting a danger to road users.



DFI Roads were consulted initially and again on the receipt of the objections and they did not request a transport assessment form or outline any concerns with respect access arrangements or road safety. It is noted on the P1 Form that there is an expected increase of 15 vehicles to the site as a result of this application. On the basis of the information submitted along with this application and DFI Roads response it is not considered the proposal will prejudice road safety. The agent has provided a supporting statement arguing that the proposed extensions will provide additional space for storage which will allow greater space for parking and turning. It is accepted that the proposed works would assist with consolidating operations on the site. With respect the objections reference to damage to verges and fences, this is civil matter and falls outside the remit of planning.

History on Site

LA09/2021/1270/LDE – Construction of yard, laneway and access onto public road and use of same for commercial storage ,parking and turning - 7 Corchoney Road, Cookstown – Valid application received

LA09/2021/0007/CA - Alleged change of use of land and building(s) - 7 Corchoney Road (Meteor), Cookstown, Tyrone – Enforcement Investigation

I/2007/0132/F - Single storey steel framed portal building for the repair and maintenance of fleet vehicles- Meteor Electrical LTD, 239 Drum Road, Cookstown – Permission granted 24/10/08

I/2006/0969/F - Extension to Existing Storage Building & Use of Automated Pallet Racking System (amended drawings and information)- Meteor Electrical LTD, 239 Drum Road, Cookstown – Permission granted 23/03/09

I/2004/1122/F - Extension to existing storage building and use of automated pallet racking system – Permission Granted 21/06/05

Key Policy Considerations/Assessment

<u>Cookstown Area Plan 2010</u>– The site lies in the rural countryside outside any designated settlement with no other specific designations or zonings.

The Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland states that the guiding principle for policies and proposals for economic development in the countryside is to facilitate proposals likely to benefit the rural economy and support rural communities, while protecting or enhancing rural character and the environment, consistent with strategic policy elsewhere in the SPPS. The SPPS states that a transitional period will operate until such times as a Plan Strategy for the whole of the council area has been adopted. SPPS does not introduce any new policy considerations which would impact on the assessment of this proposal, as such existing policy will be applied.

Planning Policy Statement 21: Sustainable Development in the Countryside (PPS21) is a retained policy document under SPPS and provides the appropriate policy context. Policy CTY1 of PPS21 sets out the types of development that are considered to be acceptable in the countryside. One of these is Industry and Business uses in the countryside that are in accordance with policies contained within PPS4- Planning and Economic Development. I am content there is an established economic business on the site, therefore the proposal is for the extension of an established economic use in the countryside and Policy PED3 of PPS4 applies.

PPS4 - Policy PED 3 Expansion of an Established Economic Development Use in the Countryside states permission will be granted where the scale and nature of the proposal does not harm the rural character or appearance of the local area and there is no major increase in the site are of enterprise. In exceptional circumstances a major expansion will be granted where it is demonstrated that;

- -relocation of the enterprise is not possible for particular operational or employment reasons:
- -the proposal would make a significant contribution to the local economy; and
- -the development would not undermine rural character.

The application seeks permission for the retention of lean to shed to the high bay area to facilitate kit assembly and extension to the docking area. Having considered the supporting statement provided by the agent and observations on the site visit, I am content the existing buildings are at capacity and the proposed works are required and cannot be accommodated through the reuse of existing buildings. The floor space of buildings on site is increasing by approx. 2400 m2 to a total floor space of approx. 14470 m2. It is considered the proposed extensions to existing buildings will consolidate with the existing built form on site; is in proportion to existing buildings; and will integrate with the existing established building on site. It is considered the proposed development is acceptable in this instance, will not undermine the rural character of the area and does not constitute a major expansion. It is noted that there will be public views of the site from the Corchoney Road and main A505 Road. However, in my view the proposal groups with the existing established buildings on site located behind existing buildings. It is considered the proposed development will integrate without significant visual impact.

As well as the policy requirements of Policy PED 3, it is also necessary for the proposed development to comply with Policy PED 9.

<u>Policy PED9: General Criteria for all Economic Development</u> lists 13 criteria proposals should meet;

- a) the proposal is compatible with surrounding land use;
 There is an existing established business on the site. The proposed extensions are
 minor in nature in comparison to the existing built development on site and will be similar
 in terms of operations carried out on site, as reflected in the P1 form. It is considered the
 proposal is compatible for this site and locality.
- b) it does not harm the amenities of nearby residents;
 There is an existing established business on the site and the proposal relates to a lean to shed for kit assembly and extension to docking area. Environmental Health are content that the proposal will not have a detrimental impact on nearby neighbours. However, they have requested a condition that should they receive a valid complaint from a nearby resident that a noise assessment should be submitted for consideration. I am content the proposal will not harm the amenities of nearby residents.
- c) it does not adversely affect features of the natural or built heritage;
 There are no natural heritage designations in the area which would be adversely
 affected as a result of this proposal. The proposal is located in proximity to a designated
 archaeological site/monument therefore HED were consulted. HED assessed the
 application and on the basis of the information provided is content that the proposal is
 satisfactory to SPPS and PPS 6 archaeological policy requirements.
 - d) it is not located in an area at flood risk and will not cause or exacerbate flooding;

The site is not in area of recognised flood risk therefore it is not considered the proposal will exacerbate flooding.

e) it does not create a noise nuisance;

Environmental Health have not raised any concerns that the proposal will create a noise nuisance to nearby residents. In light of this, it is considered this criteria is met.

- f) it is capable of dealing satisfactorily with any emission or effluent; The P1 Form has not provided any emissions or effluent from the proposal and EHD have raised no concerns in this regard.
 - g) the existing road network can safely handle any extra vehicular traffic the proposal will generate or suitable developer led improvements are proposed to overcome any road problems identified;
 - h) adequate access arrangements, parking and manoeuvring areas are provided;
 - i) a movement pattern is provided that, insofar as possible, supports walking and cycling, meets the needs of people whose mobility is impaired, respects existing public rights of way and provides adequate and convenient access to public transport;

The P1 states that there will be an increase of 15 no. vehicles and 20 no. people attending the site daily. The proposal is within an established business site and will use existing access arrangements. Dfl Roads were consulted on this application and have responded with no objections or concerns regarding access, parking and manoeuvring of vehicles within the site or when entering and existing the site therefore I am content with the road safety aspect of this proposal. It is considered that space remains within the site for private car use for employee parking, visitors and HGV movement and circulation. In light of DFl Roads response, it is considered the proposal complies with Policy AMP 2 of PPS 3. Due to its countryside location and the nature of the business, access to this site is usually by private car, van or HGV. Therefore, there is little scope to provide a movement pattern of walking, cycling or convenient access to public transport. It is the responsibility of the developer to respect existing public rights of way and have the necessary provision in place for those with impaired mobility.

j) the site layout, building design, associated infrastructure and landscaping arrangements are of high quality and assist the promotion of sustainability and biodiversity;

The site layout, building design, associated infrastructure and landscape arrangements are acceptable for this site given the existing established business on site. The proposal relates to two extensions to existing buildings, it is considered the design and finishes are typical to the type of use and respect the existing built form. The design of the proposed unit is considered proposed and is compatible with the surrounding built form. The proposed floor space area of the units is approx. 240m2 with a height of 5m. The proposed development is within an established business and will integrate with the existing buildings.

- k) appropriate boundary treatment and means of enclosure are provided and any areas of outside storage proposed are adequately screened from public view;
 Given the siting within an established business, the existing boundary treatment is considered acceptable means of enclosure in this instance.
- i) is designed to deter crime and promote personal safety; and It is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that the proposal is designed to deter crime and promote personal safety. There is an existing security fencing surrounding the site.

m) in the case of proposals in the countryside, there are satisfactory measures to assist integration into the landscape.

The proposal will satisfactorily integrate into the countryside as it will read with existing buildings.

Neighbour Notification Checked

Yes

Summary of Recommendation:

Having considered the prevailing planning policy and all material considerations outlined above, I am of the opinion that the proposed development is acceptable in this instance and approval was recommended subject to the below conditions.

Conditions

1. This decision notice is issued under Section 55 of The Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

Reason: This is a retrospective application.

2. Hard surfaced areas shall be constructed and permanently marked in accordance with the approved drawing No 02 bearing date stamp 20 Sept 2021 within 3 months from the date of this permission to ensure adequate facilities for parking, servicing and circulating within the site. No part of these hard surfaced areas shall be used for any purpose at any time other than for the parking and movement of vehicles.

Reason: To ensure that adequate provision has been made for parking, servicing and traffic circulation within the site.

3. Within 4 weeks of a written request by the Council following a reasonable noise complaint from the occupant of a dwelling which lawfully exits, the operator shall, at his/her expense, employ a suitably qualified and competent person, to assess the level of noise from the development. Details of noise monitoring survey shall be submitted to Council for written approval prior to any monitoring commencing. The Council shall be notified not less than 2 weeks in advance of the date of commencement of the noise monitoring. The Council shall then be provided with a suitable report detailing any necessary remedial measures. These remedial measures shall be carried out to the satisfaction of Council within 4 weeks from the date of approval of the remedial report, and shall be permanently retained and maintained to an acceptable level thereafter, unless otherwise agreed in writing with Council.

Reason: To protect residential amenity from noise

Informatives

1. This permission does not alter or extinguish or otherwise affect any existing or valid right of way crossing, impinging or otherwise pertaining to these lands.

- This permission does not confer title. It is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that he controls all the lands necessary to carry out the proposed development.
- 3. This determination relates to planning control only and does not cover any consent or approval which may be necessary to authorise the development under other prevailing legislation as may be administered by the Council or other statutory authority.
- 4. Not withstanding the terms and conditions of the Council's approval set out above, you are required under Articles 71-83 inclusive of the Roads (NI) Order 1993 to be in possession of the Dfl Roads consent before any work is commenced which involves making or altering any opening to any boundary adjacent to the public road, verge, or footway or any part of said road, verge, or footway bounding the site. The consent is available on personal application to the Dfl Roads Section Engineer whose address is Loughrey Campus, 49 Tullywiggan Road, Cookstown, BT80 8SG. A monetary deposit will be required to cover works on the public road.
- 5. It is the responsibility of the Developer to ensure that water does not flow from the site onto the public road (including verge or footway) and that existing road side drainage is preserved and does not allow water from the road to enter the site. This planning approval does not give authority to discharge any drainage into a DfI Roads drainage system.
- 6. Artificial lighting should be such that it does not give rise to nuisance conditions at neighbouring properties. Light pollution generated by artificial illumination of the development can be controlled by careful siting of lighting stanchions and use of appropriate lighting systems.
- 7. It is recommended that any lighting to the proposed is designed having consideration to the Institution of Lighting Professionals Guidance Notes for the Reduction of Obtrusive Light GN01:2011. The guidance provides advice on the design and installation of floodlighting when assessed against the relevant environmental zones.
- 8. In accordance with the Clean Neighbourhood's and Environment Act (NI) 2011, the applicant is advised to ensure all plant and equipment used in connection with the development is so situated, operated and maintained as to prevent the transmission of noise, dust, odour and fumes to nearby residential receptors.

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Development Management Officer Report Committee Application

Summary						
Committee Meeting Date:	Item Number:					
Application ID: LA09/2021/1408/F	Target Date:					
Proposal:	Location:					
Retrospective application for erected farm	Lands opposite 63 Oldtown Road					
building and cattle crush	Bellaghy					

Referral Route:

Recommended refusal – contrary to PPS21 Policy CTY12 3no. Objections

Recommendation:	Refusal
Applicant Name and Address:	Agent Name and Address:
Mr Pascal Diamond	CMI Planners Ltd
1 Ballydermot Road	38B Airfield Road
Castledawson	Toomebridge
BT45 8BX	BT41 3SG

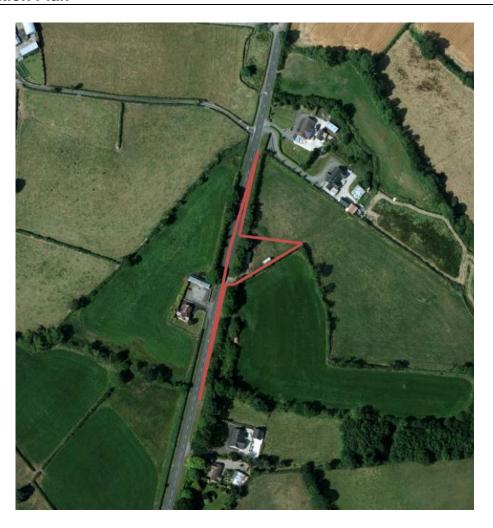
Executive Summary:

Proposal considered against prevailing planning policy - insufficient information has been provided to demonstrate the proposal complies with Policy CTY1 and CTY12 of PPS21. 3no. letters of objections received and considered below.

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Site Location Plan



Consultations:			
Consultation Type	Consultee)	Response
Statutory	DFI Roads	– Enniskillen Office	Content
Statutory	DAERA		Advice
Non Statutory	NI Water		Substantive Response
Non Statutory	Environmental Health		Standing Advice
Representations:			
Letters of Support		None Received	
Letters of Objection		None Received	
Number of Support Petitions and		No Petitions Receive	ed
signatures			
Number of Petitions of Objection		No Petitions Receive	ed
and signatures			

Characteristics of the Site and Area

The proposal site is located on the roadside of Oldtown Road, approximately 2 km south west of Bellaghy in the open countryside as defined by the Magherafelt Area Plan 2015. The application site comprises a portion of an agricultural field with the subject agricultural building constructed and present on the site. The surrounding area is rural in

character and the predominant land use is agricultural fields with a presence of dispersed dwellings and farm holdings in the immediate locality. There is a large grass verge on the roadside boundary and mature vegetation which screens views into the site. The topography of the site is relatively flat. There is an agricultural gate currently providing access to the site. Vegetation defines the southeast boundary and the north boundary has some post and wire fencing. There is limited public views from Oldtown Road.

Description of Proposal

This application seeks retrospective planning permission for the retention of an erected farm building and cattle crush on lands opposite 63 Oldtown Road, Bellaghy.

The dwelling is being applied for under Planning Policy Statement 21, Policy CTY 12 Agricultural and Forestry Development.

Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations

Section 45(1) of the Planning Act (NI) 2011 requires the Council, in dealing with an application, to have regard to the local development plan (LDP), so far as material to the application, and to any other material considerations. Section 6(4) requires that the determination of proposals must be in accordance with the LDP unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The following documents provide the primary policy context for the determination of this application:

- Regional Development Strategy 2030
- Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland
- Magherafelt Area Plan 2015
- Planning Policy Statement 3: Access, Movement and Parking
- Planning Policy Statement 21: Sustainable Development in the Countryside

The Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy was launched on 22nd February 2019 and is now a material planning consideration in assessing all planning applications in the District. Re-consultation on the Draft Plan Strategy closed at 5pm on 24th September 2020. The period for Counter Representations closed on 18th December 2020. On the 28th May 2021 the Council submitted the draft Plan Strategy to DFI for them to cause and Independent Examination. In light of this, the draft Plan Strategy does not yet carry determining weight

Representations

Press advertisement and Neighbour Notification have been carried out in line with the Council's statutory duty. At the time of writing, 3no. Third party objections were received, 2 of these objections are from No.60 Oldtown Road and the third is from No.56 Oldtown Road. The content of these letters are summarised and considered below:

- Not receiving neighbour notification;
- Overlooking from the applicant and other people in the site/at the shed on a daily basis:
- Loss of privacy from the removal of hedging from field boundary;
- Reference to a previously withdrawn infill application on the same site;

- Increased noise from farm machinery and livestock;
- The subject building being used to house cattle all winter not only machinery and storage.

In response to the comments raised by the objectors, No.56 Oldtown Road was not eligible for neighbour notification as set out under Article 8 (1)(b) of the Planning (General Development Procedure) Order (NI) 2015. It is noted the objector has referred to the removal of hedging from the field, however the removal of hedgerow does not itself require planning permission. Drawing 02 provides details on existing hedgerow which could be conditioned to be retained to any forthcoming planning approval. Notwithstanding, the principle of development which will be considered in greater detail below the proposal is located over 90 metres from the objectors properties. It is not considered a modest farm building would result in detrimental overlooking or loss of privacy to warrant refusal. The application is considered against the relevant policy criteria set out in PPS21 relating to agricultural buildings. It is noted that there was a previous application for an infill dwelling which was subsequently withdrawn and this would have been assessed under a different policy within PPS 21. It is considered that the noise associated with the farm building would be typical to that of agricultural uses in a rural location. Environmental Health were consulted and they have raised no objections or concerns with respect to noise subject to a condition attached restricting the use to storage only. Whilst no animals were present on site on the date of my site inspection, I note that the objector has advised that shed was used to house cattle. No details have been provided to indicate the shed would be used for livestock. Should members consider granting planning approval, I consider a condition restricting the use to storage of agricultural machinery and feed stuff storage only is appropriate.

History on Site

LA09/2020/0053/O - Proposed infill site for dwelling and garage - 35m South of 58 Oldtown Road, Bellaghy – Application Withdrawn 19/06/20

LA09/2020/0160/CA - Alleged unauthorised construction of a building - Lands Opposite, 63 Oldtown Road ·& Adjacent To 60 Oldtown Road, Bellaghy, Londonderry, BT45 8LQ - Enforcement Investigation

Key Policy Considerations/Assessment

<u>Magherafelt Area Plan 2015</u> – the site lies in the rural countryside outside any designated settlement with no other specific designations or zonings.

The Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland – advises that the policy provisions of Planning Policy Statement 21: Sustainable Development in the Countryside are retained. The Strategic Planning Policy Statement outlines the aim to providing sustainable development and with respect to that should have regard to the development plan and any other material considerations. The general planning principles with respect to this proposal have been complied with.

Planning Policy Statement 21 (PPS21): Sustainable Development in the Countryside – PPS21 is the overarching policy for development in the countryside. Policy CTY 12 Agricultural and Forestry Development states that planning permission will be granted for development on an active and established agricultural or forestry holding where the proposal satisfies all the stated criteria. Therefore, it is necessary to first consider if the

farm business is both active and if it has been established for more than the required period of 6 years. DAERA were consulted and have advised the fam business was allocated on 14/05/19 and no claims have been made. Therefore, the applicant has failed to demonstrate the farm business is both active and established for the required time and it is considered therefore the proposal is contrary to Policy CTY12. I will consider the proposal against the additional policy tests of CTY12 below.

- a) The proposed development is necessary for the businesses efficient use; The proposed shed was built without the benefit of planning permission and this application was submitted following enforcement action. No supporting information accompanied the application and the agent was asked to provide details on the need for the proposed shed on 18th February 2022 however to date no supporting information has been provided. In the absence of any further information, it has not been sufficiently demonstrated that the building is necessary for the efficient use of the farm business.
- b) in terms of character and scale it is appropriate to its location; The surrounding area is rural in character with the predominant land use being agricultural fields. The proposed farm shed is typical of an agricultural building in terms of its design, size, scale and materials and does not appear out of keeping with the rural location.
 - c) it visually integrates into the local landscape and additional landscaping is provided as necessary;

The proposal is located on a roadside agricultural field. However given the existing mature vegetation, public views will be limited from the roadside and it is considered the proposal could integrate into the local landscape.

- d) it will not have an adverse impact on the natural or built heritage; and No built or natural heritage interests have been identified on or in close proximity of the site which may to be impacted by this proposal. EHD have recommended, should planning permission be granted, a condition is attached restricting the use to only machinery and farm storage and no livestock. This is considered acceptable and appropriate as no details have been provided which indicate the shed is to be used for livestock and this would require further consideration on natural heritage impacts and require consultation with NIEA.
 - e) it will not result in detrimental impact on the amenity of residential dwellings outside the holding or enterprise including potential problems arising from noise, smell and pollution.

Environmental Health were consulted and advised that the proposal is approximately 70-100m from the nearest third party sensitive receptors and with this separation distance they do not expect any loss of amenity associated with the proposal provided satisfactory farm management practices are employed and a condition restricting the use of the farm building for storage purposes only. In light of their response, I do not consider the proposal will have a detrimental impact on the amenity of residential dwellings to warrant refusal.

In cases where a new building is proposed applicants will also need to provide sufficient information to confirm all of the following:

the applicant has no buildings on the holding that can be used;

On 18th February 2022, the agent was asked to clarify that there are no suitable existing buildings on the holding that could be used however to date no response had been received. From an aerial view it appears there is a group of buildings at the applicants address stated on the P1 and P1C form and therefore it is unclear whether the applicant has existing buildings which could be used. In the absence of any further information, this criterion has not been met.

the design and materials to be used are sympathetic to the locality and adjacent buildings; and

The design and materials are typical of an agricultural shed and are considered acceptable to its rural setting.

the proposal is sited beside existing farm or forestry buildings.

The subject shed is sited beside an existing small farm structure which does not appear to have the benefit of planning permission however appears to have been on site for over five years. The applicant has failed to provide any supporting information for the siting of the shed. As previously stated, from an aerial review it was noted that the applicant appears to have a group of buildings at his home address however when clarification was sought on this matter from the agent no response was received.

Policy CTY 13 Integration and Design of Buildings in the Countryside and Policy CTY 14 Rural Character of PPS 21 are also relevant to this proposal. These policies require development to be appropriately designed and integrated into the surrounding landscape to ensure the rural character of the area is not harmed. It is considered the design and materials are traditional to farm buildings and are acceptable in that respect. Given the existing mature trees and vegetation to the roadside boundary, it is considered the proposal will integrate into the locality without detrimental impact and will not appear overly prominent or result in a suburban style build-up of development when viewed with existing and approved buildings.

<u>Planning Policy Statement 3 (PPS 3 Revised Feb 2005)</u> -The proposal utilises an existing agricultural access onto Oldtown Road. Dfl Roads were consulted and have responded with no objections subject to standard conditions. I am therefore content the proposal meets Dfl Roads requirements and PPS3 Access, Movement and Parking.

Neighbour Notification Checked

Yes

Summary of Recommendation:

As provided for within Section 40 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, the applicant has failed to provide sufficient information to enable Mid Ulster District Council to determine this proposal. This is in respect of an adequate statement showing compliance with Policy CTY 12 of PPS 21. Refusal is therefore recommended.

Reasons for Refusal:

1. As provided for within Section 40 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, the applicant has failed to provide sufficient information to enable Mid Ulster District Council to determine this proposal. This is in respect of an adequate statement showing compliance with all criteria contained within Policy CTY 12 of PPS 21.

- 2. The proposal is contrary to Policy CTY12 of Planning Policy Statement 21, Sustainable Development in the Countryside in that it has not been adequately demonstrated that
 - this is an active and established agricultural holding;
 - the proposal is necessary for the efficient use of an active and established agricultural holding; and
 - there are no suitable existing buildings on the holding or enterprise that can be used.

Signature(s)	
Date:	



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Development Management Officer Report Committee Application

Summary					
Committee Meeting Date:	Item Number:				
Application ID: LA09/2021/1519/F	Target Date:				
Proposal: Extension to existing campervan park to provide of 6no shepherds huts styled sleeping accommodation with car parking using existing approved access onto Garvagh Road	Location: Lands 60m north of No 10 Kilrea Road Swatragh				
Referral Route: Committee - APPROVAL					
Recommendation:	Approval				
Applicant Name and Address: Friels Bar & Restaurant 2 - 4 Kilrea Road Swatragh BT46 5QD	Agent Name and Address: Gerard McPeake Architectural Ltd 31A Main Street Limavady BT49 0EP				
Executive Summary:	,				
Signature(s):					

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Site Location Plan



Consultations:				
Consultation Type	Consu	ıltee	Response	
Non Statutory	NI Wa	ter - Strategic	Substantive Response	
	Applic	ations	Received	
Statutory	DFI Ro	oads - Enniskillen	Content	
Statutory		c Environment	Content	
Otatatory		on (HED)		
Statutory	Enviro	nmental Health Mid	Content	
-	Ulster	Council		
Representations:				
Letters of Support		None Received		
Letters of Objection		None Received		
Number of Support Petitions and		No Petitions Received		
signatures				
Number of Petitions of Objection		No Petitions Receiv	ed	
and signatures				

Summary of Issues

Application to be approved as an exception to policy regarding NI Water comments.

Characteristics of the Site and Area

This site is located on the edge of Swatragh village and immediately adjacent to the settlement development limits, albeit the site is outside the settlement and in the rural area as defined in the Magherafelt Area Plan 2010.

The site consists of part of a hard standing area, and extends into the adjoining agricultural field, with a shared access directly onto the A29 Garvagh Road (Protected Route). The access is shared with a single detached dwelling at 10 Kilrea Road, which is the applicants

own dwelling. The site sits approximately 1.0 - 2.5m below the level of the adjoining road and is bounded along the rear of the public footpath by a post and rail fence with a semi-mature thorn hedge along the northern boundary. The site was approved under a previous application, LA09/2020/0669/F for Provision of 6 No campervan/ caravan parking spaces and provision of 6 No tents.

Description of Proposal

This application seeks full permission for an extension to existing campervan park to provide 6no shepherds huts styled sleeping accommodation with car parking using existing approved access onto Garvagh Road

Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations

Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations

The following policy documents provide the primary policy context for the determination of this application:

Strategic Planning Policy Statement (SPPS)

Magherafelt Area Plan, 2015

PPS16 Tourism

PPS 11 Planning and Waste Management

PPS 3 Access, Movement and Parking

There is no conflict or change in policy direction between the provisions of the SPPS and those of PPS 16 in respect of the proposal. The policy provisions within PPS16 remain applicable in terms of assessing the acceptability of the proposal.

Planning History

Reference	Location	Proposal/Complaint	Status	Date
H/1987/0170	2-4 KILREA ROAD SWATRAGH	IMPROVEMENTS TO DWELLING ACCOMMODATION	PERMISSION GRANTED	
H/1991/0005	2-4 KILREA ROAD SWATRAGH	ALTERATIONS AND EXTENSION TO EXISTING BAF	PERMISSION GRANTED	
H/2005/0623/Q	Lands At Garvagh Road, Swatragh	Disposal of Surplus Land.	PRE APPLICATION ENQUIRY - NO	
H/2001/0839/0	Lands Encompassing the Northern Cou	Site of Housing Development	PERMISSION REFUSED	03.12.2008
H/1992/6078	SWATRAGH	SITE OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SWATRAGH		
LA09/2018/0533/PAD	Lands to the rear of Friel's Bar, 2 and 4	Proposed erection of a 30 bedroom hotel including fund	PAD CONCLUDED	
LA09/2020/0669/F	Lands 90m North 0f 2-4 Kilrea Road, op	Provision of 6 No. camper van/ caravan parking space	PERMISSION GRANTED	21.09.2020
LA09/2021/0439/F	2-4 Kilrea Road, Swatragh BT46 5QD.,	Provision of outside covered seating area within the exi	PERMISSION GRANTED	04.06.2021
LA09/2020/1281/F	2-4 Kilrea Road, Swatragh,	Change of use from private residential dwelling above the	CONSULTATION(S) ISSUED	
LA09/2020/1283/LBC	2-4 Kilrea Road, Swatragh,	Change of use from private residential dwelling above the	CONSULTATION(S) ISSUED	
LA09/2015/0827/A	120m West of 29 Garvagh Road , Swa	Free standing replacement sign	PERMISSION GRANTED	17.12.2015
H/2005/0030CA	Corner of Drumbane Road and Moneys	Advertisement	ENFORCEMENT CASE CLOSED	
2004/A301	Lands opposite 16 Garvagh Road exte		APPEAL DISMISSED	05.04.2005

Representations

Neighbour notification and press advertisement have been carried out in line with the Council's statutory duty. Ni Water made comment to refuse the proposal.

Assessment

The Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland (SPPS) states that a transitional period will operate until such times as a Plan Strategy for the whole of the

Council area has been adopted. During the transitional period planning authorities will apply existing policy contained within identified policy documents, together with the SPPS.

The Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan 2030; Draft Plan Strategy was launched on 22nd February 2019 and is now a material planning consideration in assessing all planning applications in the District. Re-consultation on the Draft Plan Strategy closed at 5pm on 24th September 2020. All valid representations received will be subject to a Counter Representation period. In light of this, the draft plan does not carry the determining weight associated with the adopted plan.

Under the provision of Section 6 (4) of the Planning Act (NI) 2011 the determination must be made in accordance with the Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The site is located in the open countryside as defined by the Magherafelt Area Plan 2015. The proposal for the extension to existing campervan park to provide 6no shepherds huts styled sleeping accommodation with car parking using existing approved access onto Garvagh Road would fall to be assessed under PPS 16 Tourism.

Appendix 1 of PPS 16 sets out the Glossary of terms and includes the following definition of a holiday park;

For the purposes of PPS 16, a holiday park is defined as a caravan site licensed under the Caravans Act (NI) 1963, which in addition to static caravans, may also contain holiday chalets or cabins, pitches for touring caravans, motor homes and tenting.

Therefore, the proposed extension to existing campervan park to provide 6no shepherds huts, clearly fall within the definition of a Holiday Park and shall be assessed under the relevant Policies.

TSM 6 provides for a presumption in favour of the following development;

- 1) where a new holiday park or an extension to an existing facility where it is demonstrated that the proposal will create a high quality and sustainable form of tourism development.
- 2) The location, siting, size, design, layout and landscaping of the holiday park proposal must be based on an overall design concept that respects the surrounding landscape, rural character and site context.

The proposed site is set below the level of the public road and this will provide an acceptable degree of screening from the public viewpoint. This will be further aided by the proposed boundary fence and hedgerow along the southern boundary of the extension and the existing hedge is to be retained as shown on drawing number 02, date stamped 15.10.2021 and will provide the site with an acceptable degree of integration. The proposed site is a simple agricultural field to provide 6 shepherds huts, part of this site was approved under application LA09/2020/0669/F for pitch tents.

The proposal meets the criteria of Policy TSM 2- Tourists amenities in the countryside, extension of an existing tourist amenity.

In addition to the above, the proposal also meets the criteria of Policy TSM 7 -Criteria for Tourism Development. Although the site is outside the settlement development limit of

Swatragh and the access is directly onto the protected route, this part of the A29 Garvagh Road is within the settlement development limit and therefore the access is acceptable. DFI Roads were consulted on the proposal and have advised that the Garvagh Road is a protected route and PPS3 AMP 3 is applicable. The proposal however is utilising an existing access within the development limits. Subject to Council being satisfied that the proposal is in compliance with PPS 3 AMPS Dfi Roads offered conditions and informatives to be attached.

HED were consulted on the application and responded to say that HED (Historic buildings) has considered the effects of the proposal on the listed buildings HB08/01/001 and on the basis of the information provided, is content that the proposal satisfies PPS6 BH11 and SPSS(NI) para 6.12, without conditions.

HED (Historic Monuments) has assessed the application and on the basis of the information provided is content that the proposal is satisfactory to SPSS and PPS 6 archaeological policy requirements.

Environmental Health were consulted on the proposal and advised that their response was based on desktop information and that no site visit has been undertaken. They stated that the proposal has the potential to give rise to unreasonable noise levels from the occupants of the huts or amplified music resulting in noise complaints from 3rd party receptors. For this reason they requested that a condition be attached.

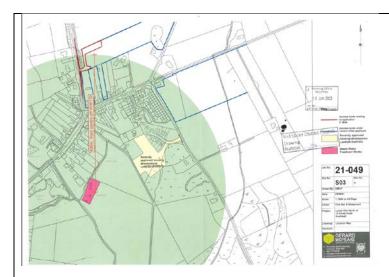
NI Water were consulted on the proposal and recommended that the proposal be refused 'WwTW-04: For the reasons detailed below NI Water recommend that this application for planning approval should be Refused.

The proposed development may experience nuisance due to its proximity to the operations of the existing Wastewater Treatment

Works. Before NI Water would be prepared to recommend approval of this application confirmation that the requirements of Planning Policy Strategy PPS11, particularly Policy WM5, can be satisfied.

As the site is located wholly or partially within the Wastewater Treatment Work's 400m odour consultation zone boundary an Odour Encroachment Assessment is required to determine the compatibility of these proposals with the existing operation of the Wastewater Treatment Works. Depending on circumstances this may also require the procurement of an Odour Dispersion Model to NI Water specification.'

After discussion with the Planning Manager, it was agreed that the application could be treated as an exception to policy, as the site is located on the other side of the village and it is not for permanent residential habitation. Environmental Health did not raise any concerns regarding odours in their consultation. The agent also provided a drawing to show that the application site is located 400m from the centre of the WWTWs, ref drawing No 04 date stamped, 16.06.2022. Also, as stated above a portion of this application site had pitch tents approved under application LA09/2020/0669/F, NI Water were content with this application subject to conditions being attached.



Recommendation

That planning permission should be treated as an exception to policy regarding NI water's response and approved subject to the following conditions laid out below.

Neighbour Notification Checked

Yes

Summary of Recommendation:

Approve, subject to conditions

Conditions

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 5 years from the date of this permission.

Reason: As required by Section 61 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

2. All proposed planting as indicated on the stamped approved drawing no. 02 date stamped 15th October 2021, shall be undertaken during the first available planting season following the development hereby becoming operational.

Reason: To ensure the proposal is in keeping with the character of the rural area and in the interests of visual amenity.

3. If within a period of 5 years from the date of the planting of any tree, shrub or hedge, that tree, shrub or hedge is removed, uprooted or destroyed or dies, or becomes, in the opinion of Mid Ulster District Council, seriously damaged or defective, another tree, shrub or hedge of the same species and size as that originally planted shall be planted at the same place, unless Mid Ulster District Council gives its written consent to any variation.

Reason: To ensure the provision, establishment and maintenance of a high standard of landscape.

4. The existing natural screenings along the northern boundary of this site, shall be permanently retained, augmented where necessary and let grow unless necessary to prevent danger to the public in which case a full explanation shall be given to Mid Ulster District Council in writing, prior to the commencement of any works.

Reason: To ensure the development integrates into the countryside and to ensure the maintenance of screening to the site.

5. If any retained hedge/tree is removed, uprooted or destroyed or dies within 5 years from the date of the development hereby approved, becoming operational another hedge/tree or trees shall be planted at the same place and that hedge/tree(s) shall be of such size and species and shall be planted at such time as may be specified by Mid Ulster District Council.

Reason: To ensure the continuity of amenity afforded by existing hedges/trees.

6. The vehicular access including minimum visibility splays of 2.4 x 70 metres, shall be provided in accordance with Drawing No 02 bearing the date stamp 15th October 2021 prior to the commencement of any other development hereby permitted. The area within the visibility splays shall be cleared to provide a level surface no higher than 250mm above the level of the adjoining carriageway and such splays shall be retained and kept clear thereafter.

Reason: To ensure there is a satisfactory means of access in the interests of road safety and the convenience of road users.

7. Prior to development commencing, the applicant should submit in writing a noise management plan for the site which shall be agreed in writing by Mid Ulster District Council. The agreed noise management plan shall remain in place for the duration of the development and shall be reviewed and updated at the request of Mid Ulster District Council.

Reason: To protect the amenity of nearby residential properties.

Informatives

- 1. This determination relates to planning control only and does not cover any consent or approval which may be necessary to authorise the development under other prevailing legislation as may be administered by Mid Ulster District Council or other statutory authority.
- 2. This permission does not alter or extinguish or otherwise affect any existing or valid right of way crossing, impinging or otherwise pertaining to these lands.
- 3. This permission does not confer title. It is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that he controls all the lands necessary to carry out the proposed development.

- 4. The approval does not empower anyone to build or erect any structure, wall or fence or encroach in any other manner on a public roadway (including a footway and verge) or on any other land owned or managed by the Dfl Roads for which separate permissions and arrangements are required.
- 5. Not withstanding the terms and conditions of Mid Ulster District Council's approval set out above, you are required under Articles 71-83 inclusive of the Roads (NI) Order 1993 to be in possession of the DfI Roads consent before any work is commenced which involves making or altering any opening to any boundary adjacent to the public road, verge, or footway or any part of said road, verge, or footway bounding the site. The consent is available on personal application to the DfI Roads Section Engineer whose address is Loughrey Campus, 49 Tullywiggan Road, Cookstown, BT80 8SG. A monetary deposit will be required to cover works on the public road.
- 6. It is the responsibility of the Developer to ensure that water does not flow from the site onto the public road (including verge or footway) and that existing road side drainage is preserved and does not allow water from the road to enter the site. This planning approval does not give authority to discharge any drainage into a Dfl Roads drainage system.
- 7. The applicant should be aware that the proposal may require a site licence under the Caravans Act (N.I.) 1963. The legislation also lays down standards for the conditions and facilities to be provided on sites. The applicant should liaise at an early stage with the Environmental Health Department. Further information is available at https://www.midulstercouncil.org/online-services/caravan-camping-site-licence
- 8. The proposal must satisfy the requirements of the Health & Safety at Work (N.I.) Order 1978 and the Regulations made thereunder. The applicant should liaise at an early stage with the Environmental Health Department in relation to these matters.
- 9. A Consent to Discharge Sewage Effluent being obtained from Water Management unit, The Northern Ireland Environment Agency, as required by the Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999.
- 10. Any new or existing septic tank unit being a minimum of 15 metres from the proposed development or any other habitable dwelling/building such as an office or such dwelling/building in the course of construction or the subject of a planning approval.
- 11. A legal agreement being obtained in relation to lands used in connection with any septic tank/drainage arrangement where such lands are outside the ownership of the applicant or outside the area marked in red which is the subject of this application. This agreement must ensure that the lands in question will always be available for the intended purpose and also that any occupier/owner of the proposed development will have access to these lands for maintenance/improvement works as required. Such legal agreement should be included in any planning approval as a planning condition.

12. The applicant ensuring that the proposal does not compromise any existing drainage arrangements serving existing neighbouring premises or developments not completed/commenced which are the subject of a planning approval.
13. Planning department receiving confirmation from Northern Ireland Water that a mains water supply is available and that it is feasible for the proposed development to be connected to same. Where mains water supply is not available, the applicant/agent is strongly advised to contact this department before any detailed plans are prepared.
Signature(s)

Date:

ANNEX				
Date Valid	18th October 2021			
Date First Advertised	2nd November 2021			
Date Last Advertised				
Details of Neighbour Notification (all a	l ddresses)			
The Owner/Occupier,	,			
10 Garvagh Road, Swatragh, Londonderry	/,BT46 5QE			
The Owner/Occupier,	T40.505			
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The Owner/Occupier,	7140 JQ1			
12 Kilrea Road, Swatragh, Londonderry, B	T46 5QF			
The Owner/Occupier,				
12A, Garvagh Road, Swatragh, Londond	erry, BT46 5QE			
The Owner/Occupier,				
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The Owner/Occupier,				
3 Friels Terrace, Swatragh, Londonderry, BT46 5QD				
The Owner/Occupier,				
4 Friels Terrace, Swatragh, Londonderry, BT46 5QD				
The Owner/Occupier, 6 Kilrea Road,Swatragh,Londonderry,BT46 5QF				
The Owner/Occupier,				
Church Of Ireland,8 Kilrea Road,Swatragh,Londonderry,BT46 5QF				
Date of Last Neighbour Notification	2nd November 2021			
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Date of EIA Determination				
ES Requested	Yes /No			

Planning History

Ref ID: LA09/2021/1519/F

Proposal: Extension to existing campervan park to provide of 6no shepherds huts styled sleeping accommodation with car parking using existing approved access onto Garvagh

Road

Address: Lands 60m north of No 10 Kilrea Road, Swatragh,

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: H/2003/1118/O

Proposal: Site of proposed retail shops and housing development.

Address: Lands opposite 16 Garvagh Road extending to Lismoyle Road, Swatragh.

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: H/1990/0582

Proposal: ALTS & ADDS TO BAR

Address: 2-4 KILREA ROAD SWATRAGH

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: H/1993/0201

Proposal: ALTS & ADDS TO LICENSED PREMISES

Address: THE RAFTERS BAR AND LOUNGE 2-4 KILREA ROAD SWATRAGH

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: H/1993/0202

Proposal: ALTS AND ADDS TO LICENSED PREMISES (LBC)

Address: RAFTERS BAR AND LOUNGE 2-4 KILREA ROAD SWATRAGH

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: H/1987/0170

Proposal: IMPROVEMENTS TO DWELLING ACCOMMODATION

Address: 2-4 KILREA ROAD SWATRAGH

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: H/1991/0005

Proposal: ALTERATIONS AND EXTENSION TO EXISTING BAR

Address: 2-4 KILREA ROAD SWATRAGH

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: H/2005/0623/Q

Proposal: Disposal of Surplus Land.

Address: Lands At Garvagh Road, Swatragh

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: H/2001/0839/O

Proposal: Site of Housing Development

Address: Lands Encompassing the Northern Counties Co-op light industrial estate,

Garvagh Road, Swatragh

Decision:

Decision Date: 03.12.2008

Ref ID: H/1992/6078

Proposal: SITE OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SWATRAGH

Address: SWATRAGH

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: LA09/2018/0533/PAD

Proposal: Proposed erection of a 30 bedroom hotel including function room and

associated car parking

Address: Lands to the rear of Friel's Bar, 2 and 4 Kilrea Road, Swatragh,

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: LA09/2020/0669/F

Proposal: Provision of 6 No. camper van/ caravan parking spaces and provision of 6 No.

tents (Amended address)

Address: Lands 90m North 0f 2-4 Kilrea Road, opposite 14 & 16 Garvagh Road

Swatragh, Decision: PG

Decision Date: 21.09.2020

Ref ID: LA09/2021/0439/F

Proposal: Provision of outside covered seating area within the existing yard to the rear of the Bar & Restaurant to provide food & beverages for family recreational & facilitate tourism within the Mid Ulster District while maintaining social distancing under current Covid Guidelines.

Address: 2-4 Kilrea Road, Swatragh BT46 5QD.,

Decision: PG

Decision Date: 04.06.2021

Ref ID: LA09/2020/1281/F

Proposal: Change of use from private residential dwelling above the existing public bar to provide memorabilia viewing area outlining the history of 2-4 Kilrea Road over the last 100 years. In addition removal of flat roof to the rear & replace with pitched roof

Address: 2-4 Kilrea Road, Swatragh,

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: LA09/2020/1283/LBC

Proposal: Change of use from private residential dwelling above the existing public bar to provide memorabilia viewing area outlining the history of 2-4 Kilrea Road over the last 100 years. In addition removal of flat roof to the rear & replace with pitched roof

Address: 2-4 Kilrea Road, Swatragh,

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: LA09/2015/0827/A

Proposal: Free standing replacement sign

Address: 120m West of 29 Garvagh Road, Swatragh,

Decision: CG

Decision Date: 17.12.2015

Summary of Consultee Responses

Drawing Numbers and Title

Drawing No.

Type:

Status: Submitted

Drawing No. 03

Type: Proposed Plans Status: Submitted

Drawing No. 02

Type: Site Layout or Block Plan

Status: Submitted

Drawing No. 01

Type: Site Location Plan

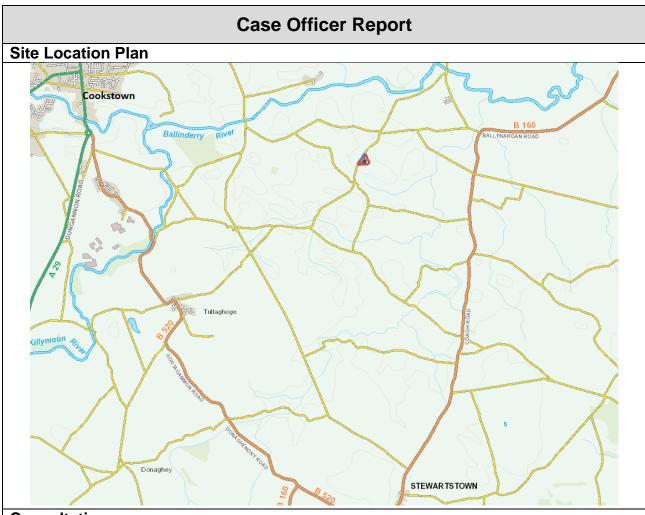
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Notification to Department (if relevant)	
Date of Notification to Department: Response of Department:	



Development Management Officer Report Committee Application

Summary		
Committee Meeting Date:	Item Number:	
Application ID: LA09/2021/1618/F	Target Date:	
Proposal: Proposed storage shed, yard repositioning of existing saw and associated ancillary works	Location: Adjacent to 51 Knockanroe Road Cookstown	
Referral Route: Objections received		
Recommendation:	Approval	
Applicant Name and Address: Reid Engineering LTD 55 Knockanroe Road Cookstown	Agent Name and Address: Les Ross Planning 14 King Street Magherafelt BT45 6AR	
Executive Summary:		
Signature(s):		



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Consultation Type	Consultee	Response
Statutory	DFI Roads - Enniskillen Office	Content
Non Statutory	Environmental Health Mid Ulster Council	Substantive Response Received
Non Statutory	Environmental Health Mid Ulster Council	Substantive Response Received

Representations:

Letters of Support	None Received
Letters of Objection	2
Number of Support Petitions and	No Petitions Received
signatures	
Number of Petitions of Objection	No Petitions Received
and signatures	

Characteristics of the Site and Area

The site lies in the open countryside and outside any settlement limits as defined in the Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan 2010. The surrounding countryside is rural in character and is characterised by agricultural fields, detached dwellings on single plots and farm

complexes. The site comprises a shed at the Reid Engineering site as well as the extended yard area and existing access.

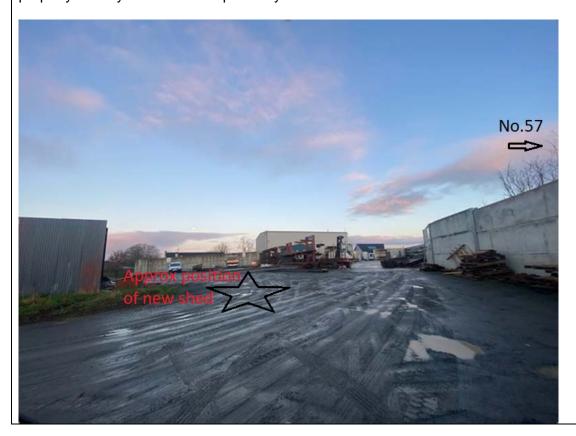
The site access is off the Knockanroe Road is positioned in the south west corner of the site. It sweeeps up in a northern curve and enables entrance to the yard area where there is an existing shed in the north corner.



The yard area is a mix of finishes and there were some items being stored externally surrounding the main shed. There is a large boundary wall along the northern and north eastern side and there were a number of cars parked in the central parking area.



There are two existing dwellings within the blue line to the west which front onto the main road and there are plans for a new dwelling approved within the site. There is also a neighbouring property namely no.57 in close proximity to the East.



Description of Proposal

The proposal seeks full planning permission for a new storage shed, yard repositioning of existing saw and associated ancillary works.



Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations

Section 45(1) of the Planning Act (NI) 2011 requires the Council, in dealing with an application, to have regard to the local development plan (LDP), so far as material to the application, and to any other material considerations. Section 6(4) requires that the determination of proposals must be in accordance with the LDP unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Representations

Press advertisement and neighbour notification have been carried out in line with the Council's statutory duty.

At the time of writing, a number of third party objections were received from Ms Reid who owns a property abutting the boundary of the site for Reid Engineering.

The first objection was received on the 21st December 2021. The main concerns outlined were surrounding inaccuracies of the proposed application, namely the intended use as storage, lack of turning and parking areas for vehicles, incomplete noise impact assessment, lack of elevations for all parts of the proposal.

A second objection was received on the 13TH April 2022. This representation offered additional concerns including; alterations to the access, inaccurate figures provided in terms of travel onto the site, creation of piecemeal expansion of the site, lack of information of traffic flow through and around the site, out of hour usage of the site and a cumulative impact of increased noise.

Since the time of writing and agreement on this report a further representation was received from the objector.

These further comments raise a number of concerns:

The first concern was surrounding the idea of 'betterment' in the EHO response, arguing that there was still a significant adverse impact. As discussed in the report above, there may still be an adverse impact on the amenity at number 57, however, the noise is resulting from a use and buildings that already lawfully exist, EHO has suggested that this proposal will result in a betterment therefore it will not have any further negative impact on the residential amenity.

Again states that the piecemeal development of the site is eroding residential amenity. The same response is appropriate to this point in that there will be no further negative impact on the residential amenity resulting from this development.

In addition, concerns were raised with regards the wording of the conditions suggested by EHO. The condition states 'following a reasonable noise complaint from the occupant of a dwelling'. However, the objector suggests the word reasonable is not clear and the wording of occupant is prejudice against the owner. I have discussed this concern in group and it was agreed to include the word owner as well as occupier.

Finally, the objection requests the shed be conditioned for storage only. This will be conditioned in any approval notice.

Planning History

I/2010/0091/LDE - Storage and fabrication of structural steel and associated items - 55 Knockinroe Road, Cookstown, BT80 8RX - Permitted Development

I/2010/0253/F — Proposed extension and alterations to existing engineering workshop/store & ancillary accommodation - 55 Knockinroe Road, Cookstown, BT80 8RX — Permission Granted 30.11.2010

I/2013/0110/F - Proposed retention of offices for engineering works - 55, Knockanroe Road, Stewartstown –Permission Granted 05.07.2013

I/2014/0074/F - Proposed alteration of existing access and laneway - To the rear of 51 Knockanroe Road Stewartstown Dungannon BT71 5LX - Permission Granted 30.06.2017

I/2014/0246/F - Proposed retention of engineering workshop to include store and ancillary accommodation and storage yard - 55, Knockanroe Road, Cookstown – Permission Granted 28.06.2017

LA09/2017/1426/F - Proposed retention of boundary wall and the alteration of ground levels to provide concrete finish to hardcored yard (acoustic assessment received) - 55 Knockanroe Road, Cookstown – Permission Granted 17.02.2020

LA09/2016/1015/F - Proposed reorganisation of general industrial site including the retention and extension of the existing metal fabrication shed, the construction of 2 No. sheds for spraying and storage of metal, proposed acoustic walls, new landscaping and associated works (agent's rebuttal to objectors NIA) - Reid Engineering Site, lands at 51 and 55 Knockanroe Road, Cookstown – Permission Refused 19.12.2017

LA09/2020/0557/F – Proposed retention of filtration unit for a plasma cutter including its proposed enclosure at premises at 51 and 55 Knockanroe Road, Cookstown. – CURRENT

Consultees

Environmental Health were consulted on two occasions and as the proposal is for the erection of a new shed a Noise Assessment was required. The initial response from EHO raised questions about the assessment, namely the locations of vehicle movements as well as confirmation of the acoustic performance of Kingspan KS1000 and clarification on other points. Subsequently these questions were answered in correspondence received 29th March 2022, and upon further inspection EHO replied satisfied that the modelling submitted fully considers movement of vehicles around the site. The response also states that the noise levels will have a significant adverse impact at the objectors house, however, an overall noise reduction of 3dB can be achieved compared to the existing noise conditions and therefore betterment in terms of noise impact. EHO also goes on to recommend a number of conditions, namely hours of operation, noise levels, and noise assessment if a reasonable complaint is received.

DFI roads were consulted and have responded that they have no objections to the use of the existing unaltered access. There is no intensification of use at the site and adequate visibility splays are in place.

Mid Ulster Development Plan 2030 - Draft Plan Strategy

The Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy was launched on 22nd February 2019 and is now a material planning consideration in assessing all planning applications in the District. Re-consultation on the Draft Plan Strategy closed at 5pm on 24th September 2020. The period for Counter Representations closed on 18th December 2020. On the 28th May 2021 the Council submitted the draft Plan Strategy to DFI for them to cause an Independent Examination, In light of this, the draft Plan Strategy does not yet carry determining weight.

Cookstown Area Plan 2010

The plan offers no specific policy relevant to this application as the site lies outside any settlement limits or other designations as defined in the Cookstown Area Plan 2010.

The Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland sets out the Departments Regional Planning Policies and provides guidance for the Councils to take into account in their Local Development Frameworks. Until the Council has adopted its own LDP, current regional policy as set out in the suite of Published Planning Policy Statement provides the planning policies for consideration unless the SPPS provides a

different policy direction or offers clarification, and then the policy in the SPPS is given determining weight. I do not consider the SPPS has changed any policies in relation to economic development within the countryside.

Planning Policy Statement 4 – Planning and Economic Development Policy PED3 – Expansion of established economic development use in the countryside

The proposal is for the erection of a storage shed, yard repositioning of existing saw and associated ancillary works. The building is 394m² approx. 9m in height with two roller shutter doors on the NE elevation. The external finishes will match the existing shed, concrete base and cladding upper walls and roof. The building is proposed as a large storage area, with the existing saw moving further to the North East. The nearest point of the saw was approx. 28 metres from number 57 in its current position, the new position will mean the nearest part of the saw us now 34 metres away, and therefore, it is my opinion that there will not be a significant change.

On balance I am content the scale, massing and use will not detract from the character of the site or the surrounding area. There are limited critical views of the proposed extension from the public road and there is no major increase in the site area.



PPS 4 – Policy PED 9 General Criteria for Economic Development

The extension is for the erection of a storage shed, yard repositioning of existing saw and associated ancillary works, I am content this is compatible with the surrounding land use. It is my opinion that the proposal will not cause significant harm to the amenity of nearby residents. A thorough noise impact assessment was carried out and assessed by the EHO who also gave substantial consideration to the objectors concerns and their conclusion is that an overall noise reduction of 3dB can be achieved compared to the existing noise conditions and therefore betterment in terms of noise impact. EHO also goes on to recommend a number of conditions, namely hours of operation, noise levels, and noise assessment if a reasonable complaint is received. Therefore they offer no objection to this proposal.

It is my opinion that the proposal is acceptable in terms of scale and massing, the intended use as storage is acceptable given the growing nature of the site, and it is important that this use will be conditioned, the repositioning of the saw does not raise significant issues and I am content there will not be an unacceptable impact on neighbour amenity in terms of noise, pollution, loss of light. There are no issues with emissions or effluent. The proposal will have no impact on the existing access. It is stated on the P1 form there is no expected increase in persons or vehicles attending the site. The objector raised a query surrounding the validity of this point, however, again I visited the site on three occasions and did not witness any exceeding levels of vehicle movement. In addition DFI visited and assessed the site and did not offer any objection. A movement pattern was not required. There is no outside storage as part of the proposal.

Conditions

The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 5 years from the date of this permission.

Reason: As required by Section 61 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

The hours of operation of the business shall be as follows

Monday to Friday 08:00 – 18:00 hours Saturday 08:00 – 14:00 hours Sundays No operations

Reason: To protect nearby residential amenity

The noise level(s) (L_{Aeq, 1 hour}) from the area outlined in red on drawing number 01 date stamped 9th November 2021 shall not exceed 50 dB(A) when measured 3 metres from the façade and 1.5 metres above ground of No. 57 Knockanroe Road.

Reason: To protect nearby residential amenity

Within 4 weeks of a written request by the Council following a reasonable noise complaint from the owner or occupant of a dwelling which lawfully exits, the operator shall, at his/her expense, employ a suitably qualified and competent person, to assess compliance with predicted noise levels stated within Table 3 of the submitted noise impact assessment date stamped 9th November 2021. Details of any noise monitoring shall be submitted to Council for written approval prior to any monitoring commencing. The Council shall then be notified a minimum of 2 weeks in advance of the date of commencement of the noise monitoring. The council shall then be provided with a suitable report relating to the noise monitoring exercise and detail any necessary remedial measures. Any remedial measures required shall be carried out to the satisfaction of the Council within 4 weeks of approval of the remedial report, and shall be permanently maintained to an acceptable level thereafter, unless otherwise agreed in writing with Council.

Reason: To protect nearby residential amenity

The building hereby approved shall be used only for the purposes of storage in association with the established use on this site and for no other purpose in Use Class B4 of the Schedule to the Planning (Use Classes) Order (NI) 2015.		
Reason: To protect the amenity of the adjoining residential premises and committed sites.		
Neighbour Notification Checked Yes		
Signature(s)		
Date:		

ANNEX	
Date Valid	9th November 2021
Date First Advertised	23rd November 2021
Date Last Advertised	
Details of Neighbour Notification (all addresses) The Owner/Occupier, 49 Knockanroe Road,Dungannon,Tyrone,BT71 5LX The Owner/Occupier, 51 Knockanroe Road,Dungannon,Tyrone,BT71 5LX The Owner/Occupier, 53 Knockanroe Road,Dungannon,Tyrone,BT71 5LX The Owner/Occupier, 55 Knockanroe Road,Cookstown,Tyrone,BT71 5LX The Owner/Occupier, 55a ,Knockanroe Road,Dungannon,Tyrone,BT71 5LX The Owner/Occupier, 57 Knockanroe Road Dungannon Tyrone The Owner/Occupier, 57a ,Knockanroe Road,Dungannon,Tyrone,BT71 5LX Julie Reid E-mail Address Julie Reid Email Address	
Date of Last Neighbour Notification	
Date of EIA Determination	
ES Requested	No
Planning History	
Ref ID: LA09/2021/1618/F Proposal: Proposed storage shed, yard repositioning of existing saw and associated ancillary works Address: Adjacent to 51 Knockanroe Road, Cookstown, Decision: Decision Date:	

Ref ID: LA09/2017/1419/DC

Proposal: Discharge of Condition No.4 of approval I/2014/0246/F Address: 51 Knockanroe Road, Cookstown,

Decision: **Decision Date:** Ref ID: LA09/2019/1219/PAD

Proposal: Proposed shed, repositioning of saw, acoustic wall and extension to yard area

Address: Engineering yard at 51 and 55 Knockanroe Road, Stewartstown,

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: LA09/2016/1015/F

Proposal: Proposed reorganisation of general industrial site including the retention and extension of the existing metal fabrication shed, the construction of 2 No. sheds for spraying and storage of metal, proposed acoustic walls, new landscaping and associated works (agent's rebuttal to objectors NIA)

Address: Reid Engineering Site, lands at 51 and 55 Knockanroe Road, Cookstown,

Decision: PR

Decision Date: 19.12.2017

Ref ID: LA09/2016/1010/F

Proposal: Proposed replacement and repositioning of existing dwelling and garage and

extension of site curtilage (amended plans / description)

Address: 51 Knockanroe Road, Cookstown,

Decision: PG

Decision Date: 20.07.2018

Ref ID: LA09/2019/1015/LDE

Proposal: Existing office extension to workshop.

Address: Land at 55 Knockanroe Road, Stewartstown, BT71 5LX.,

Decision: PG Decision Date:

Ref ID: LA09/2017/1426/F

Proposal: Proposed retention of boundary wall and the alteration of ground levels to

provide concrete finish to hardcored yard (acoustic assessment received)

Address: 55 Knockanroe Road, Cookstown,

Decision: PG

Decision Date: 17.02.2020

Ref ID: LA09/2020/0557/F

Proposal: Retention of filtration unit for a plasma cutter including its proposed enclosure

(Additional Information Noise Assessment Provided)

Address: Premises at 51 and 55 Knockanroe Road, Cookstown,

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: I/2001/0426/O

Proposal: Proposed One and a Half Storey Residential Dwelling Address: Site Opposite 48 Knockanroe Road, Ardtrea, Stewartown

Decision:

Decision Date: 10.01.2002

Ref ID: I/2000/0194/O

Proposal: Storey and half house and domestic garage.

Address: 30 metres East of 48 Knockanroe Road, Cookstown.

Decision:

Decision Date: 26.05.2000

Ref ID: I/1993/0212

Proposal: 11KV Rural Spur

Address: KNOCKAROE ROAD TIEVENAGH COOKSTOWN

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: I/2010/0091/LDE

Proposal: Storage and fabrication of structural steel and associated items

Address: 55 Knockinroe Road, Cookstown, BT80 8RX

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: I/2000/0297/O

Proposal: Replacement Dwelling

Address: 59 Knockanroe Road, Tievenagh, Cookstown

Decision:

Decision Date: 28.07.2000

Ref ID: I/2003/0601/RM

Proposal: Replacement Dwelling

Address: 59 Knockinroe Road Tievenagh Cookstown

Decision:

Decision Date: 17.09.2003

Ref ID: I/2005/0707/O

Proposal: Proposed site for dwelling and garage (domestic)

Address: 100 metres (approx) North West of 59 Knockinroe Road, Tievenagh,

Cookstown Decision:

Decision Date: 01.02.2006

Ref ID: I/2008/0061/F

Proposal: Site for dwelling-amendment to condition No.7 in relation to Outline planning

permission ref no: I/2005/0707/O to increase ridge height to 6 metres.

Address: 100 metres (approx) North West of 59 Knockinroe Road, Tievenagh,

Cookstown Decision:

Decision Date: 16.04.2008

Ref ID: I/2009/0017/RM

Proposal: Proposed dwelling and garage

Address: 100m North West of 59 Knockinroe Road, Cookstown

Decision:

Decision Date: 18.08.2009

Ref ID: I/2004/0597/O

Proposal: Proposed Dwelling

Address: 90m South East of 53 Knockanroe Road, Cookstown

Decision:

Decision Date: 15.09.2004

Ref ID: I/2005/0301/O

Proposal: Proposed dwelling

Address: 90m SE of 53 Knockanroe Road, Cookstown

Decision:

Decision Date: 09.05.2005

Ref ID: I/2005/0634/O

Proposal: Proposed dwelling

Address: 90m SE of 53 Knocknaroe Road, Cookstown

Decision:

Decision Date: 16.06.2005

Ref ID: I/2004/0913/O

Proposal: proposed dwelling

Address: 90m S.E. of 53 Knockanroe Road, Cookstown

Decision:

Decision Date: 25.01.2005

Ref ID: I/2006/0661/RM Proposal: Dwelling & garage

Address: 150metres (approx) NW of 59 Knockinroe Road, Cookstown

Decision:

Decision Date: 19.12.2006

Ref ID: I/2003/0807/O

Proposal: Dwelling and Garage

Address: 150 metres (approx) north west of 59 Knockinroe Road, Cookstown. BT80 8SR

Decision:

Decision Date: 13.11.2003

Ref ID: I/2008/0420/RM

Proposal: Single storey dwelling and garage

Address: 90m south east of 53 Knockanroe Road, Ardtrea

Decision:

Decision Date: 21.10.2008

Ref ID: I/2003/0814/O

Proposal: Proposed dwelling

Address: Lands 70m East of 48 Knockanroe Road Ardtrea Cookstown

Decision:

Decision Date: 29.03.2004

Ref ID: I/2004/0831/O

Proposal: Site for dwelling & garage

Address: 150 Metres (approx) South East of 55 Knockinroe Road, Tievenagh,

Cookstown Decision:

Decision Date: 14.04.2005

Ref ID: I/2004/0999/RM Proposal: Dwelling & garage

Address: 90 Metres (approx) South East of 55 Knockinroe Road, Tievenagh, Cookstown

Decision:

Decision Date: 30.12.2004

Ref ID: I/2010/0447/F

Proposal: Alterations to previous approval ref: I/2008/0420RM including relocation of

access

Address: 90m South East of 53 Knockanroe Road, Ardtrea, Stewartstown

Decision:

Decision Date: 10.12.2010

Ref ID: I/2013/0357/F

Proposal: Steel and timber store for Engineering works (Amended Plans and Supporting

Statement)

Address: To the rear of 57 Knockinroe Road, Dungannon,

Decision: AGREE

Decision Date: 08.12.2014

Ref ID: I/2014/0246/F

Proposal: Proposed retention of engineering workshop to include store and ancillary

accommodation and storage yard

Address: 55, Knockanroe Road, Cookstown,

Decision: PG

Decision Date: 28.06.2017

Ref ID: I/2002/0703/O

Proposal: Dwelling and Garage

Address: 90 Metres (approx) South East of 55 Knockinroe Road, Tievenagh, Cookstown

Decision:

Decision Date: 16.05.2003

Ref ID: I/2005/0705/F

Proposal: Extension to dwelling with disabled adaptations.

Address: 51 Knockinroe Road, Cookstown

Decision:

Decision Date: 26.09.2005

Ref ID: I/1994/0158

Proposal: Site for Dwelling

Address: OPPOSITE 41 KNOCKADOO ROAD MONEYMORE

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: I/1998/0529

Proposal: Proposed dwelling & garage

Address: ADJACENT TO 53 KNOCKINROE ROAD COOKSTOWN

Decision:

Decision Date:

Ref ID: I/1992/0403 Proposal: Bungalow

Address: ADJACENT TO 55 KNOCKANROE ROAD ARDTREA COOKSTOWN

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: I/2002/0680/F

Proposal: Proposed dwelling and garage

Address: Adjacent to 55 Knockanroe Road, Stewartstown

Decision:

Decision Date: 30.12.2002

Ref ID: I/1990/0016

Proposal: Dwelling and Garage

Address: ADJACENT TO 55 KNOCKANROE ROAD ARDTREA COOKSTOWN

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: I/1999/0058

Proposal: Dwelling and Garage

Address: 50M SOUTH EAST OF 55 KNOCKANORE ROAD TIEVENAGH

COOKSTOWN

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: I/2010/0253/F

Proposal: Proposed extension and alterations to existing engineering workshop/store &

ancillary accommodation

Address: 55 Knockinroe Road, Cookstown, BT80 8RX

Decision:

Decision Date: 30.11.2010

Ref ID: I/2013/0110/F

Proposal: Proposed retention of offices for engineering works

Address: 55, Knockanroe Road, Stewartstown,

Decision: PG

Decision Date: 05.07.2013

Ref ID: I/1993/0185

Proposal: Domestic Garage

Address: 55 KNOCKANROE ROAD, TIEVENAGH, COOKSTOWN

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: I/1991/0300

Proposal: Improvements to Dwelling

Address: 55 KNOCKANROE ROAD TIEVENAGH COOKSTOWN

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: LA09/2015/0013/F

Proposal: Extension and alterations to existing dwelling

Address: 51 Knockanroe Road, Stewartstown, Dungannon, BT71 5LX,

Decision: PG

Decision Date: 09.07.2015

Ref ID: I/2014/0074/F

Proposal: Proposed alteration of existing access and laneway

Address: To the rear of 51 Knockinroe Road Stewartstown Dungannon BT71 5LX,

Decision: PG

Decision Date: 30.06.2017

Ref ID: LA09/2015/0528/PAD

Proposal: New shed and ancillary works

Address: Adjacent to 50 Knockanroe Road, Stewartstown,

Decision:
Decision Date:

Drawing Numbers and Title

Drawing No. 04

Type: Proposed Plans Status: Submitted

Drawing No. 03

Type: Proposed Plans Status: Submitted

Drawing No. 02

Type: Site Layout or Block Plan

Status: Submitted

Drawing No. 01

Type: Site Location Plan

Status: Submitted

Drawing No. 05
Type: Existing Plans
Status: Submitted

Notification to Department (if relevant)

Date of Notification to Department:

Response of Department:

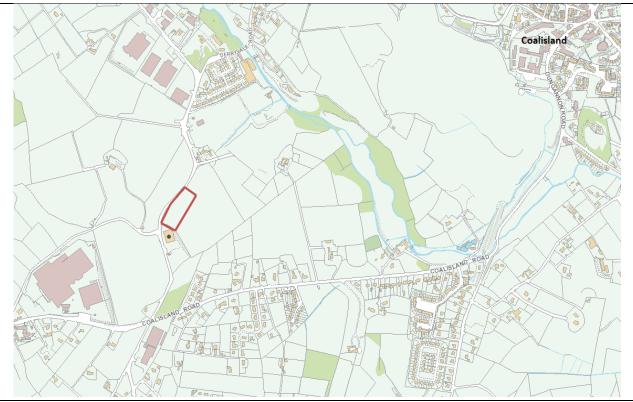


Development Management Officer Report Committee Application

Summary		
Committee Meeting Date:	Item Number:	
Application ID: LA09/2021/1657/F	Target Date:	
Proposal: Proposed general purpose storage unit & associated works in association with an established business - Terramac Fabrication Ltd	Location: 25m North East of No 9 Farlough Road Dungannon	
Referral Route: Contrary to policy		
Recommendation:	Refusal	
Applicant Name and Address: Terramac Fabrication Ltd 81 Gortgonis Road Coalisland Dungannon BT71 4QF	Agent Name and Address: CMI Planners Ltd 38 Airfield Road Toomebridge BT41 3SQ	
Executive Summary:		
Signature(s):		

Case Officer Report

Site Location Plan



Consu	Itations:
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Consultation Type	Consultee	Response
Statutory	DFI Roads - Enniskillen Office	Standing Advice
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Representations:

Letters of Support	None Received
Letters of Objection	None Received
Number of Support Petitions and signatures	No Petitions Received
Number of Petitions of Objection and signatures	No Petitions Received

Summary of Issues

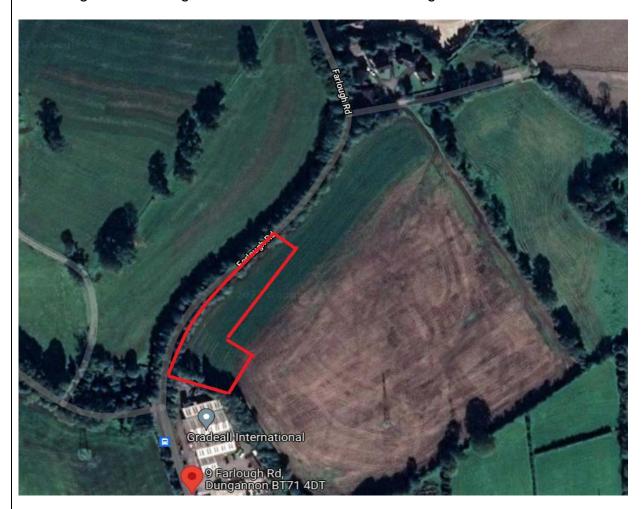
Contrary to PPS21 CTY1, PPS4 PED2 & PED9

Characteristics of the Site and Area

The site lies in the open countryside just outside the settlement limits of Coalisland and also outside all other areas of constraint as depicted within the DSTAP 2010. The area is predominantly rural in nature with the site surrounding by agricultural land on three

sides, however, just s short distance to the south along the main Coalisland road the area is a lot more built up with a mix of industrial and residential.

The red line of the site is situated jut to the north of No.9 Farlough road, and consitsts of a rectangular shaped cut out in the western corner of a large agricultural field. The site is undefined on the ground to the north and east, with a low cropped hedgerow and a scattering to trees along the roadside west and the existing indutrial units to the south.



Description of Proposal

The proposal seeks full planning permission for a general purpose storage unit & associated works in association with an established business - Terramac Fabrication Ltd



Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations

Section 45(1) of the Planning Act (NI) 2011 requires the Council, in dealing with an application, to have regard to the local development plan (LDP), so far as material to the application, and to any other material considerations. Section 6(4) requires that the determination of proposals must be in accordance with the LDP unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The following documents provide the primary policy context for the determination of this application:

- Regional Development Strategy 2030
- Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland
- DSTAP 2010
- Planning Policy Statement 21 Sustainable Development in the Countryside
- Planning Policy Statement 3: Access, Movement and Parking
- Planning Policy Statement 4: Planning and Economic Development

Mid Ulster Development Plan 2030 – Draft Plan Strategy

The Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy was launched on 22nd February 2019 and is now a material planning consideration in assessing all planning applications in the District. Re-consultation on the Draft Plan Strategy closed at 5pm on 24th September 2020. The period for Counter Representations closed on 18th December 2020. On the 28th May 2021 the Council submitted the draft

Plan Strategy to DFI for them to cause an Independent Examination, In light of this, the draft Plan Strategy does not yet carry determining weight.

Representations

Press advertisement and neighbour notification has been carried out in line with the Council's statutory duty. At the time of writing, there has been no third party representations.

History on Site

There is no previous planning history on this site. There is planning approval for the redevelopment of a factory adjacent for what is now the Gradeall factory site, this was approved in 2005 under planning ref; M/2003/1631/F

Key Policy Considerations/Assessment

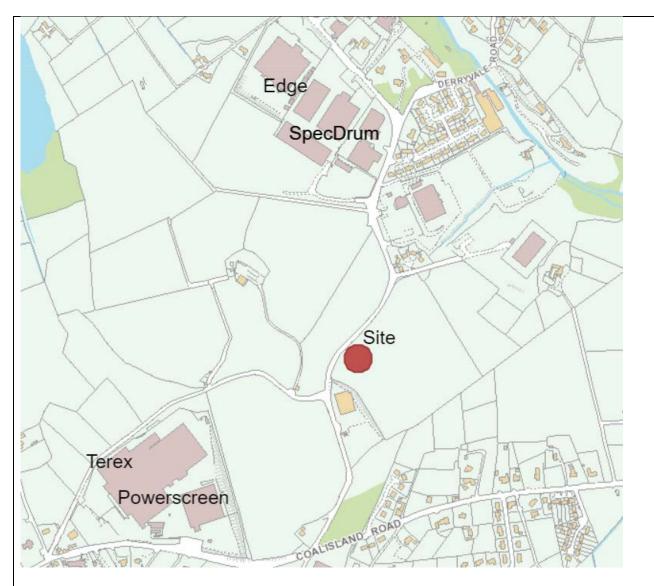
DSTAP - This site is located outside any settlement defined in the DSTAP 2010. It is not subject to any area plan designations or zonings and the plan does not have any policies for this type of development in a rural location. As such, existing planning policy will be applied (i.e.) PPS 4.

The SPPS retains the policy provisions of PPS21, PPS4 and PPS3.

<u>PPS21, Policy CTY 1</u> - Development in the Countryside, outlines a range of types of development which in principle are considered to be acceptable in the countryside and that will contribute to the aims of sustainable development. Other types of development will only be permitted where there are overriding reasons why that development is essential and could not be located in a settlement, or it is otherwise allocated for development in a development plan. All proposals for development in the countryside must be sited and designed to integrate sympathetically with their surroundings and to meet other planning and environmental considerations including those for drainage, access and road safety. Access arrangements must be in accordance with the Departments published guidance.

There is no history of this type of industrial development on the site, the site is in the rural area and not on land allocated for industrial development in the plan, and the applicant has provided no justification as to why this type of development is essential and could not be located within the settlement. It must be noted that the site adjacent to and south of proposed site is current used by Gradeall LTD which manufacture large scale industrial machinery. There is also an industrial area to the North which includes Edge and SpecDrum and to the south west a further industrial area which includes Terex and Powerscreen. (see below)

Information justifying the need for the proposed site as opposed to expanding the existing site has been sought on 13th April and 16th May and no response was received.



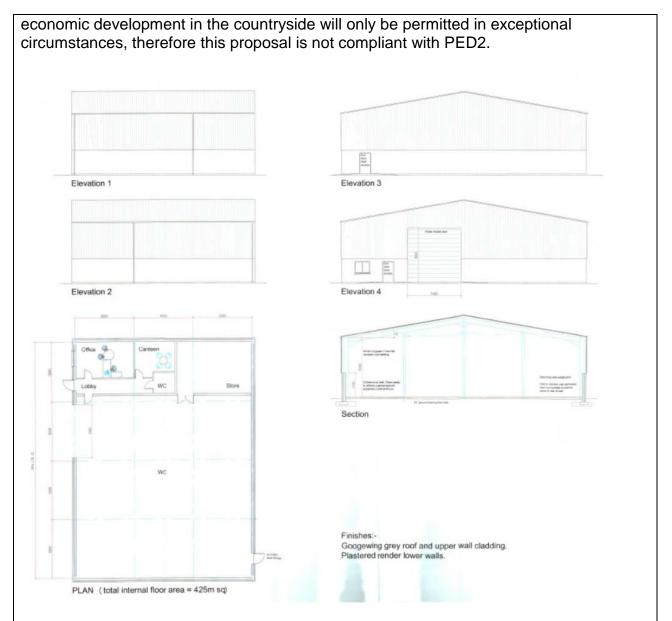
One type of development outlined in PPS21 which in principle is considered acceptable in the countryside and that will contribute to the aims of sustainable development: is industry and business uses in accordance with PPS 4 (currently under review)

As this proposal is for a new industrial shed within the countryside and is not an extension to an already established economic development use Policies PED 2 and PED 9.

Policy PED 2 - Economic Development in the Countryside states proposals for economic development uses in the countryside will be permitted in accordance with the provisions of the following policies:

The Expansion of an Established Economic Development Use – Policy PED 3
The Redevelopment of an Established Economic Development Use – Policy PED 4
Major Industrial Development – Policy PED 5
Small Rural Projects – Policy PED 6

This application is not for an expansion or redevelopment of an established site, it is not considered a major industrial development or a small rural project, or an economic development associated with farm diversification schemes. All other proposals for



Policy PED 9 - General Criteria for Economic Development In addition to Policy PED 2, this proposal is required to meet the requirements of Policy PED 9;

I consider the proposal is contrary to PPS 4 Policy PED 9 for the following reasons;

this proposal is not considered compatible with the surrounding land uses, it is noted that there is an industrial use to the South, however, this site is detached from that, and given that the site is an open field which is also surrounded by agricultural lands to the North, East and West, residential dwellings also further to the north.

This development site is in a rural area with dwellings located immediately a short distance to the North, a proposed industrial shed of this size would result in a loss of amenity to the nearest neighbouring receptor via noise nuisance.



In conclusion, the proposal if approved would introduce a new industrial development to the rural area with no supporting information to justify as to why it is essential and cannot be located within the settlement or indeed the confines of the existing industrial site associated with the applicants existing business. As can be seen below the applicant Terramac Fabrications has an existing site a few miles to the east and has provided no justification as to why this site cannot house the proposed additional storage shed nor why a completely new separate site is needed.



In addition to the above, this application would be contrary to PPS 4 PED 2 in that it does not meet any of the policy provisions and has given no justification as to why it should be considered an exceptional case. And also contrary to PED 9 in that it would if permitted fail to meet the following criteria, (a) it is compatible with surrounding land uses, (b) it does not harm the amenities of nearby residents, (e) it has the potential to create noise nuisance.

Recommendation Refusal

Neighbour Notification Checked

Yes

Refusal Reasons

- 1. The proposal is contrary to Policy CTY1 of Planning Policy Statement 21, Sustainable Development in the Countryside in that there are no overriding reasons why this development is essential in this rural location and could not be located within a settlement.
- 2. The proposal is contrary to the Council's Planning Policy Statement 4, PED 2 in that the site is located within the open countryside and no exceptional circumstances have been demonstrated to justify relaxation of the strict planning controls exercised in this area.
- 3. The proposal is also contrary to Policy PED9 of PPS4 as it would, if approved, fail to meet the following criteria, (a) it is compatible with surrounding land uses, (b) it does not harm the amenities of nearby residents, and (e) it has the potential to create noise nuisance.

Signature(s)		
Date:		

ANNEX	
Date Valid	18th November 2021
Date First Advertised	30th November 2021
Date Last Advertised	

Details of Neighbour Notification (all addresses)

The Owner/Occupier,

16 Farlough Road, Dungannon, Tyrone, BT71 4DT

The Owner/Occupier,

3 Farlough Road, Farlough, Dungannon, Tyrone, BT71 4DT

The Owner/Occupier,

4 Farlough Road, Farlough, Dungannon, Tyrone, BT71 4DT

The Owner/Occupier,

9 Farlough Road, Dungannon, Tyrone, BT71 4DT

The Owner/Occupier,

9 Farlough Road, Dungannon, Tyrone, BT71 4DT

Date of Last Neighbour Notification	17th December 2021
Date of EIA Determination	
ES Requested	No

Planning History

Ref ID: M/1996/0259

Proposal: Proposed extension to existing industrial site to provide factory accommodation for engineering works

(Amended Proposal)

Address: GRADEAL INTERNATIONAL FARLOUGH ROAD DUNGANNON

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: M/2003/1631/F

Proposal: Proposed re-development of existing factory to include for new factory/office

block and plant room and associated site works

Address: Gradeall International, Farlough Road, Newmills, Dungannon

Decision:

Decision Date: 08.11.2005

Ref ID: M/1985/0513

Proposal: RETENTION OF OFFICES

Address: 9 FARLOUGH ROAD, DUNGANNON

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: M/1978/0330

Proposal: MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF GENERATORS

Address: GORTIN, COALISLAND

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: LA09/2021/1657/F

Proposal: Proposed general purpose storage unit & associated works in association with

an established business - Terramac Fabrication Ltd

Address: 25m North East of No 9 Farlough Road, Dungannon,

Decision:
Decision Date:

Drawing Numbers and Title

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Type: Site Location Plan

Status: Submitted

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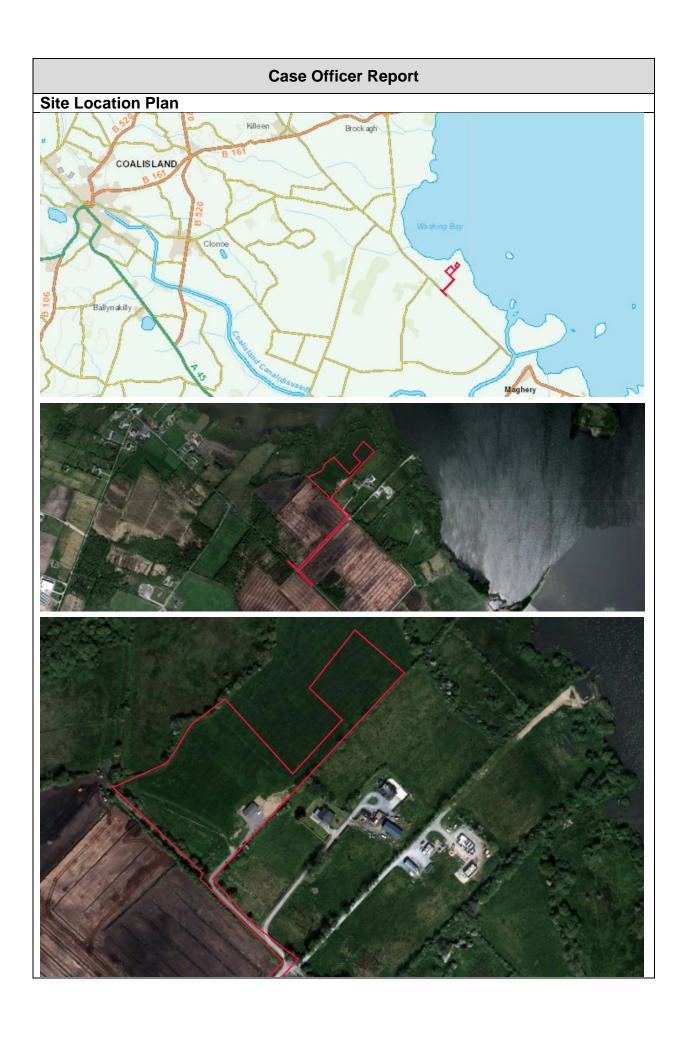
Response of Department:



Mid-Ulster Local Planning Office Mid-Ulster Council Offices 50 Ballyronan Road Magherafelt BT45 6EN

Development Management Officer Report Committee Application

Summary		
Committee Meeting Date:	Item Number:	
Application ID: LA09/2021/1672/F	Target Date:	
Proposal:	Location:	
Proposed change of house type and	Approx. 100m North of 34 Ferry Road	
relocation of dwelling and domestic garage	Coalisland Dungannon	
from that originally approved under		
M/2013/0414/F and domestic garage		
Referral Route: Refuse		
Recommendation: Refuse		
Applicant Name and Address:	Agent Name and Address:	
Mr Patrick And Mrs Lisa Trainor	CMI Planners	
4 Ferry Road	38b Airfield Road	
Coalisland	The Creagh	
Dungannon	Toomebridge	
_	BT41 3SQ	
Executive Summary:		
Signature(s):		



Consultations:			
Consultation Type	Consultee	Response	
Statutory	DFI Roads - Enniskillen Office	Standing Advice	
Non Statutory Shared Environmental Services		Substantive Response	
		Received	
Statutory	NIEA	Advice	
Representations:			
Letters of Support		None Received	
Letters of Objection		None Received	
Number of Support Petitions and signatures		No Petitions Received	
Number of Petitions of Objection and signatures		No Petitions Received	

Description of Proposal

This is a full planning application for the proposed relocation and change of house type of a dwelling and garage previously approved and deemed to have commenced on site under planning application M/2013/0414/F.

Planning application M/2013/0414/F on the 14th October 2014 granted permission for a dwelling and garage on a farm in the southwest body of the current site (see Fig 1, below). Works under the aforementioned permissions were to have commenced prior to the 14th October 2019.

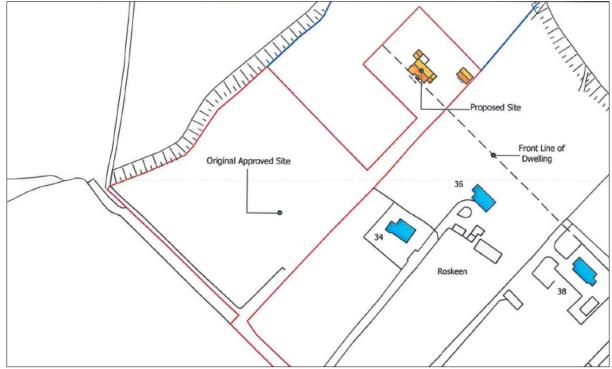


Fig 1: Current site location plan showing approx. location of previously approved dwelling and garage; and location of the change of house type including garage proposed.

Works on site would appear to have commenced in accordance with M/2013/0414/F. The access into the site and foundations of the garage appear to have been put in place within the specified timeframe as approved; and building control confirmed they carried out an inspection of the foundations on the 25th September 2019, as per a Building Control letter and invoice submitted alongside this application.

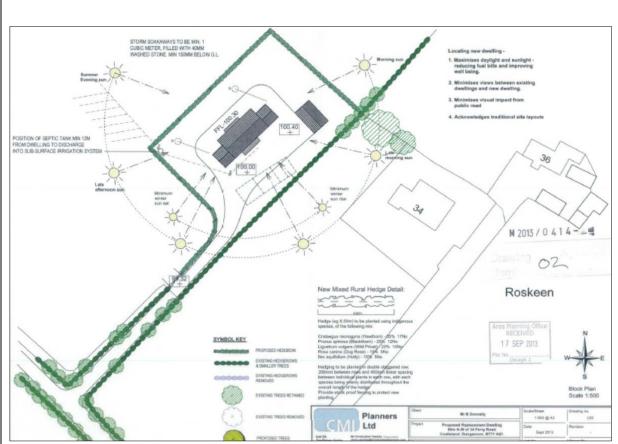


Fig 2: Block plan of dwelling and garage approved under M/2013/0414/F



Fig 3: Elevations of dwelling and garage approved under M/2013/0414/F



Fig 4: Block plan of dwelling and garage currently proposed



Fig 5: Floor plans and elevations of dwelling and garage currently proposed

As seen above in Figs 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 above the previously approved scheme was for a modest single storey dwelling and single storey detached garage whilst the new proposal is for a substantial two-storey dwelling and single storey detached garage. The previous scheme was located in the southwest body of the current site on lower enclosed lands whilst the new scheme is to be located in the northeast body of the current site on elevated open lands.

Characteristics of the Site and Area

The site is located in the rural countryside outside any defined settlement limit designated under Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan 2010, approximately 2km southeast of Killeen. Lough Neagh lies approx. 200 – 300m to the north and northeast of the site.

The site in effect comprises two relatively square shaped plots, one larger southwest plot and one smaller northeast plot cut from the same much larger rectangular shaped host field. The larger southwest plot, previously approved for a dwelling and a garage under planning application M/2013/0414/F, comprises the overgrown foundations of a garage and a pre-fabricated modular building in use as a dwelling. The smaller northeast plot is where the current application seeks to relocate the previously approved scheme with a change of house type including garage. The site is set back approx. 450m from and accessed off the Ferry Rd via an existing gravelled laneway. A mix of native hedgerows and vegetation bounds the host field, which sits above the level of the adjacent lough shores. The boundaries of the site within the host field are undefined. The land rises through the site from southwest to northeast as such the smaller northeast plot sits substantially elevated above the larger southwest plot.

Critical views of the site are from the Ferry Rd around its access off the road and on the approach to it from the lane serving it. From these views, the vegetation bounding the host field and land rising within it would provide a dwelling on the lower southwest plot with a sense of enclosure and backdrop. However, from these views a dwelling on the higher northeast plot, as currently proposed, is likely to sit in the skyline and be unduly prominent in the landscape, as it is bound only to one side.

The area surrounding the site is predominantly agricultural land interspersed with detached dwellings, ancillary buildings and farm groups. Significant peat operations exist in the area along the lane leading to the site.

Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations

Section 45(1) of the Planning Act (NI) 2011 requires the Council, in dealing with an application, to have regard to the local development plan (LDP), so far as material to the application, and to any other material considerations. Section 6(4) requires that the determination of proposals must be in accordance with the LDP unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The following documents provide the primary policy context for the determination of this application:

Regional Development Strategy 2030

Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan 2010

Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland

Planning Policy Statement 3 - Access, Movement and Parking

Planning Policy Statement 21 - Sustainable Development in the Countryside

Supplementary Planning Guidance for PPS21 - 'Building on Tradition' A Sustainable Design Guide for the Northern Ireland Countryside.

The Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy was launched on 22nd February 2019 and is now a material planning consideration in

assessing all planning applications in the District. Re-consultation on the Draft Plan Strategy closed at 5pm on 24th September 2020. The period for Counter Representations closed on 18th December 2020. On the 28th May 2021 the Council submitted the draft Plan Strategy to DFI for them to cause an Independent Examination, In light of this, the draft Plan Strategy does not yet carry determining weight.

Representations

Press advertisement and Neighbour Notification has been carried out in line with the Council's statutory duty. At the time of writing, no third party representations were received.

Relevant Planning History

On Site

- M/2002/0984/O Replacement Dwelling House 100m West of 34 Ferry Rd Coalisland - Withdrawn 1st March 2003 it would appear as there was no justification for it in a countryside policy area; and the dwelling did not meet replacement criteria.
- M/2005/0520/O One dwelling 100m West of 34 Ferry Rd Coalisland -Withdrawn 23rd September 2005 it would appear as there was no justification for it in a countryside policy area
- M/2013/0414/F Farm dwelling and garage 50m NW of 34 Ferry Rd Coalisland - Granted 14th October 2014
- LA09/2021/0063/CA Alleged unauthorised modular building 32 Ferry Road Coalisland - Assessment of enforcement case

Adjacent

- LA09/2020/1443/O Proposed dwelling on a farm (CTY 10) Adjacent to 34 & 36 Ferry Rd Dungannon - Granted
- LA09/2021/1784/RM Proposed dwelling & garage Adjacent to 34 & 36 Ferry Rd Dungannon - Granted

The above applications relate to lands to the rear of no. 34 Ferry Rd and immediately southeast of where the dwelling and garage under the current application is proposed to be sited. The dwelling approved under the above applications was 1 ¾ storey with a 7.5m ridge height above FFL.

Consultees

- <u>Dfl Roads</u> were consulted in relation to access arrangements and have raised no objections to this proposal, subject to standard conditions and informatives. Accordingly, subject to these conditions and informatives I am content the proposal will comply with the provisions of Planning Policy Statement 3 Access, Movement and Parking.
- 2. <u>Shared Environmental Services</u> (SES) were consulted in relation to any potential hydrological link from the development to a European site as the site is located within Lough Neagh Ramsar Site; the applicant intends to use a package treatment plant for foul sewage; and both foul & storm drainage is to be taken to an existing open stream boundary.

SES have carried out a Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) report responded that having considered the nature, scale, timing, duration and location of the project, concluded it would not be likely to have a significant effect on any European site, either alone or in combination with any other plan or project and therefore an appropriate assessment is not required. In reaching this conclusion, no account was taken of measures intended to avoid or reduce potential harmful effects of the project on any European site. No likely significant effect is predicted due to the scale/nature of the proposed development, the presence of existing development in the vicinity and the quality of the habitat that will be lost to facilitate the proposed development.

Mid Ulster District Council in its role as the competent Authority under the Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (as amended), and in accordance with its duty under Regulation 43, has adopted the HRA report, and conclusions therein, prepared by SES, dated 24th March 2022. This found that the project would not be likely to have a significant effect on any European site.

- 3. <u>NIEA</u> were consulted in relation to any potential hydrological link from the development to a European site as the site is located within Lough Neagh Ramsar Site; the applicant intends to use a package treatment plant for foul sewage; and both foul & storm drainage is to be taken to an existing open stream boundary.
 - Water Management Unit (WMU) and Inland Fisheries WMU has
 considered the impacts of the proposal on the surface water
 environment and is content with the proposal subject to conditions, any
 relevant statutory permissions being obtained and the applicant
 referring and adhering to DAERA Standing advice. Inland Fisheries is
 content.
 - Natural Environment Division (NED) Noted no ecological information had been submitted with the application and advised they required further information to fully assess the likely impacts on natural heritage interests. Based on aerial photography and the proposal drawings it appears that the site is likely to contain significant natural heritage interest. NED considers that a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) is required to assess the potential impacts. A PEA will provide direction as to whether more detailed and/or targeted surveys should also be carried out. NED notes that the site contains suitable habitat for breeding birds and considers that site vegetation clearance works should not be undertaken during the birdbreeding season (which extends from 1st March to 31st August) unless an appropriate survey has been carried out by a suitably experienced ecologist which confirms the absence of active nests.

With regards NED's response above, I note it was a desk-based response, the lands within the site comprise improved grassland and existing vegetation bounding the site could be conditioned to be retained, should any development be accepted

Consideration

<u>Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan 2010</u> - is the statutory local development plan for the application site. The site is located outside any development limit and the development plan offers no specific policy or guidance in respect of the proposal.

<u>The Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland</u> - Retains the policy provisions of Planning Policy Statement 21: Sustainable Development in the Countryside.

<u>Planning Policy Statement 21: Sustainable Development in the Countryside</u> - is the overarching policy for development in the countryside. It provides certain instances where the development of a dwelling is considered acceptable in the countryside subject to criteria. These instances are listed in Policy CTY1 of PPS21.

I am content the principle of this development, a dwelling and garage, has been established on site through the previous approval M/2013/0414/F and the subsequent commencement of development. As detailed in 'Description of Proposal' further above works on site would appear to have commenced in accordance with M/2013/0414/F. The access into the site and foundations of the garage appear to have been put in place within the specified timeframe as approved (prior to the 14th October 2019); and building control confirmed they carried out an inspection of the foundations on the 25th September 2019, as per a Building Control letter and invoice submitted alongside this application.

The above said with respect to the relocation and design of the dwelling and garage proposed it must still comply with Policies CTY 13 and 14 of PPS 21. CTY 13 states that the proposed development must be able to visually integrate into the surrounding landscape and be of an appropriate design. Policy CTY 14 allows for a building in the countryside where it does not cause detrimental change to or further erode the rural character of the area.

In this instance, I do not believe the site has the capacity to absorb the proposed dwelling in accordance with Policy CTY13 and 14 in that the proposed site has only one established (eastern) boundary and therefore is unable to provide a suitable degree of enclosure for the building to integrate into the landscape. Furthermore, the size, scale, and massing of the dwelling in my opinion is inappropriate for the site and locality and if permitted would be a prominent feature in the landscape when viewed from the surrounding vantage points (see 'Characteristics of the Site and Area') leading to a detrimental change to the rural character of the area.

Whilst the previous dwelling was a low ridge bungalow of modest size and scale on lower more enclosed lands, the proposed dwelling is a substantial 2-storey dwelling (ridge height approx. 8.7m above FFL) on more elevated open lands, which in my opinion would have a significantly greater visual impact when viewed from surrounding vantage points. I would also note that the previously approved scheme was relatively simplistic in design and consistent with simple rural form whereas the new dwelling has two large front projections not considered typical of simple rural form.

Accordingly, the agent was contacted via email on the 12th May 2022 and advised Planning did not consider the design of the dwelling to be consistent with simple rural

form; and that due to its size, scale and location on an elevated and open site it would not integrate and appear prominent in the landscape. The agent was offered the opportunity to submit the following additional information for further consideration within 21 days from the of the email i.e. the 2nd June 2022:

- An amended design showing the size and scale of the property reduced;
- An amended block to show the dwelling moved lower down the field onto lower lands near the position of the previously approved dwelling; and
- A few existing (from a fixed point i.e. on the public road) and proposed spot levels.

To date no additional information for consideration has been received.

Other Policy/Considerations

Whilst the location and design of the dwelling including garage is not considered acceptable I had no concerns regarding it impacting the amenity of any existing or potential (see Planning History LA09/2020/1443/O & LA09/2021/1784/RM) neighbouring properties to any unreasonable degree owing to its location and the separation distances retained.

In addition to checks on the planning portal Historic Environment Division map viewer available, online has been checked and identified no built heritage assets of interest on site or within the immediate vicinity.

Checks of the Planning portal and Flood Maps NI indicate the site is not subject to flooding

The development is under the 15.2m height threshold in the area requiring consultation to Defence Estates relating to Met Office - Radar. The development is located within an area of constraint on wind turbines; the development is not for a turbine.

Taking all of the above into consideration I would recommend the refusal of this application.

Neighbour Notification CheckedYesSummary of Recommendation:Refuse

Reasons for Refusal:

- 1. The proposal is contrary to Policy CTY 13 of Planning Policy Statement 21, Sustainable Development in the Countryside, in that the site is unable to provide a suitable degree of enclosure for the building to integrate into the landscape; and the design of the dwelling is inappropriate for the site and its locality due to its size, scale and massing, and if permitted it would be a prominent feature in the landscape.
- 2. The proposal is contrary to Policy CTY14 of Planning Policy Statement 21, Sustainable Development in the Countryside in that the dwelling would, if

	permitted be unduly prominent in the landscape and would therefore result in a detrimental change to the rural character of the countryside.
Signat	cure(s)
Date:	



Mid-Ulster Local Planning Office Mid-Ulster Council Offices 50 Ballyronan Road Magherafelt BT45 6EN

Development Management Officer Report Committee Application

Summary		
Committee Meeting Date: 05/07/2022	Item Number:	
Application ID: LA09/2021/1678/F	Target Date:	
Proposal: Proposed two storey family dwelling and attached garage	Location: South of 179 Coash Road Killyman Dungannon	

Referral Route:

- 1. Contrary to policy in CTY 8 Ribbon Development in PPS 21 in that the development if permitted does not respect the existing development pattern in terms of size and scale of the dwelling.
- 2. Contrary to policy in CTY 13 Integration and Design of Buildings in the Countryside in PPS 21 in that the development if permitted would be a prominent feature in the landscape and the design of the building is inappropriate for the locality.
- 3. Contrary to policy in CTY 14 Rural Character in PPS 21 in that the development if permitted would not respect the traditional pattern of settlement in the area.

Recommendation:	Refusal
Applicant Name and Address:	Agent Name and Address:
Stephen Mc Aliskey	C McIlvar Ltd
179 Coash Road	Unit 7 Cookstown Enterprise Centre
Killyman	Sandholes Road
Dungannon	Cookstown
BT71 6RD	BT80 9LU

Executive Summary:

The proposal is for a dwelling with a 7.5m ridge height and a T-shaped form. The proposed dwelling has a contemporary finish with a mix of brick, stone and wood cladding as external finishes. The other dwellings along the row are modest single storey with the appearance of rural dwellings. I consider the proposal does not fit with the existing pattern of development along the row and will be prominent in the landscape.

Signature(s):

Case Officer Report

Site Location Plan



Consultations:					
Consultation Type	Consultee		Response		
Statutory	DFI Roads - Enniskillen		Content		
-	Office				
Representations:					
Letters of Support		None Received			
Letters of Objection		None Received			
Number of Support Petitions and		No Petitions Received			
signatures					
Number of Petitions of Objection		No Petitions Received			
and signatures					

Characteristics of the Site and Area

The site is in the countryside and outside any settlement limits as defined in the Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan 2010. The surrounding area is rural in character with agricultural fields, interspersed with groups of farm buildings and single dwellings. The majority of dwellings in the immediate area are modest single storey dwellings on small plots with a roadside frontage onto Coash Road which is a moderately trafficked minor road.

The application site is a portion of a larger agricultural field between other dwellings and has a flat topography. The land at the site sits at a slightly higher level than the road level. Along the roadside boundary is a post and wire fence and the east and west boundaries are characterised by established hedging.

Description of Proposal

This is a full application for a proposed two storey family dwelling and attached garage at South of 179 Coash Road, Killyman, Dungannon.

Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations

Section 45(1) of the Planning Act (NI) 2011 requires the Council, in dealing with an application, to have regard to the local development plan (LDP), so far as material to the application, and to any other material considerations. Section 6(4) requires that the determination of proposals must be in accordance with the LDP unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Representations

Press advertisement and neighbour notification have been carried out in line with the Council's statutory duty. At the time of writing, no third party objections were received.

Planning History

No recent planning histories at the application site.

Mid Ulster Development Plan 2030 – Draft Plan Strategy

The Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy was launched on 22nd February 2019 and is now a material planning consideration in assessing all planning applications in the District. Re-consultation on the Draft Plan Strategy closed at 5pm on 24th September 2020. The period for Counter Representations closed on 18th December 2020. On the 28th May 2021 the Council submitted the draft Plan Strategy to DFI for them to cause an Independent Examination, In light of this, the draft Plan Strategy does not yet carry determining weight.

Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan 2010

The site is outside any settlement limits as defined in the Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan 2010 and is not within any other designations or zonings in the Plan.

SPPS – Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland: sets out that The SPPS provides a regional framework of planning policy that will be taken into account of in the preparation of Mid Ulster's Local Development Plan (LDP). At present, the LDP has not been adopted therefore transitional arrangements require the Council to take account of the SPPS and existing planning policy documents, with the exception of PPS 1, 5 and 9. Section 6.73 of the SPPS relates to development that is acceptable in the countryside, which includes infill dwelling opportunities. Section 6.77 states that 'proposals for development in the countryside must be sited and designed to integrate sympathetically with their surroundings must not have an adverse impact on the rural character of the area, and meet other planning and environmental considerations including those for drainage, sewerage, access and road safety'.

Planning Policy Statement 21

Development in the countryside is controlled under the provisions of PPS 21 Sustainable Development in the countryside. Policy CTY 1 provides clarification on which types of development are acceptable in the countryside. In addition, other types of development will only be permitted where overriding reasons are submitted why the development is

essential and could not be located within a settlement. As this proposal is for an infill dwelling CTY 8 is the relevant policy in the assessment.

CTY 8 – Ribbon Development

The application site is a portion of a larger agricultural field with a roadside frontage onto Coash Road. Abutting the southern boundary is a dwelling at No.183 with a garden area to the front of the dwelling and I am content No. 183 has a frontage to the road. Abutting the northern boundary is a dwelling at No. 179 and to the north of No.179 is another dwelling at No. 173. I am content both No. 179 and No. 173 have garden areas which front onto the road. I am content there proposal is a small gap site within a substantial frontage of 3 or more buildings along Coash Road.

The application site has a roadside frontage of 35m and No. 183 has a frontage of 60m but this is around a bend in the road. To the north No, 179 has a frontage of 33m and No. 173 has a frontage of 37m. There are varying frontages along this stretch of road but I am content the application site can only accommodate up to 2 dwellings. The proposal is for only 1 dwelling at the site. I am content the proposed site has a frontage which is in character with the surrounding frontages and is capable of accommodating not more than 2 dwellings.

The predominant house type along this stretch of road are modest single storey dwellings and the applicant has proposed a two storey/one and half storey dwelling. The proposed dwelling has the form of two long buildings perpendicular to each other in a T shape. The design is contemporary in a barn style with varying sizes of long windows. The proposed external materials are grey profiled metal on the roof, grey aluminium windows and doors, natural stone on the ground floor, brick and wood cladding on sections of the upper floor. In comparison the scale and massing of the surrounding dwelling is simple rural dwelling with slate roof tiles and pebble dash or render walls.

The level of the site is at a higher level than the road level and the site is level with dwellings on either side. In discussions with the agent and the senior planner the applicant was asked to reduce change the design to fit with the surrounding dwellings. The dwelling has been pushed further back on the site and the ridge height reduced. The agent states that the dwelling will cut into the ground as shown in figures 1 and 2 below.

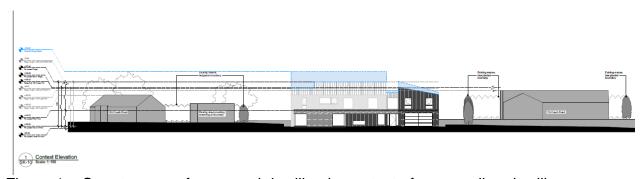


Figure 1 – Street scene of proposed dwelling in context of surrounding dwellings

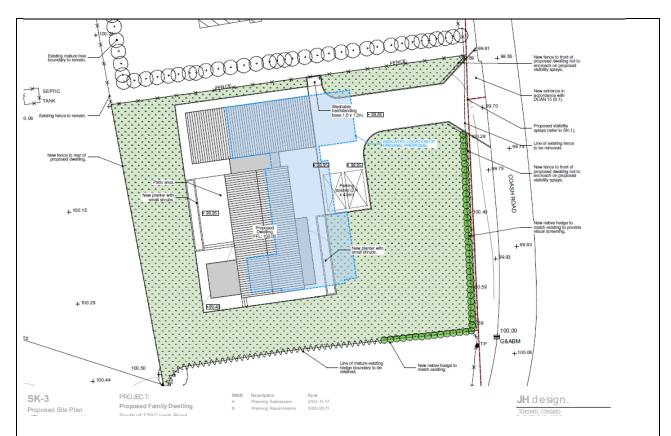


Figure 2 – Site Plan of the dwelling pushed further back

Even-though the ridge height of the dwelling has been reduced I still consider the scale and massing of the dwelling does not fit with the size and scale of nearby dwellings. The policy in CTY 8 states the proposal should respect the existing development pattern and this is not the case with this proposal. Figure 3 shows the proposed roadside elevation in comparison with what currently exists as shown in figure 4.

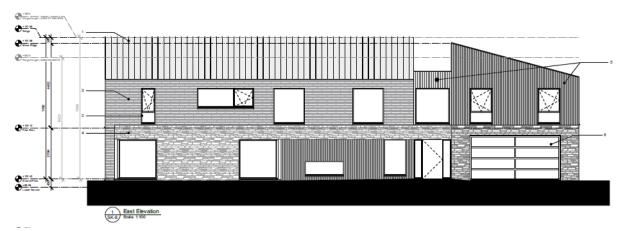


Figure 3 – Snapshot of roadside view of proposed dwelling





Figure 4 – Photos of other dwellings along the row

Overall I consider the proposal does not meet the criteria in CTY 8.

CTY 13 – Integration and Design of Buildings in the Countryside

The application site is a portion of a larger field with a flat topography and the dwelling has been pushed further back on the site. I am of the opinion the scale and massing of the dwelling is out of character when compared with what currently exists along the row and the building will be prominent. There are established boundaries along the north and south of the site and new hedging has been proposed along the roadside boundary. I have no concerns about a sense of enclosure at the site as there are other buildings along the row.

CTY 14 - Rural Character

I consider the proposal will be prominent and does not respect the traditional pattern of settlement in the immediate area.

PPS 3 – Access, Movement and Parking Policy AMP 2 – Access to Public Roads

I consulted DFI Roads as a new access is proposed. In their consultation response, they stated they had no objections subject to conditions and informatives.

Other Considerations

I am satisfied there are no other ecological, historical or flooding issues at the site.

Neighbour Notification Checked Yes

Summary of Recommendation:

The proposal is recommended for refusal as it does not meet the criteria in CTY8, CTY13 and CTY14 in PPS 21.

Reasons for Refusal:

1. Contrary to policy in CTY 8 – Ribbon Development in PPS 21 in that the development if permitted does not respect the existing development pattern in terms of size and scale of the dwelling.

Signature(s)
3. Contrary to policy in CTY 14 – Rural Character in PPS 21 in that the development if permitted would not respect the traditional pattern of settlement in the area.
2. Contrary to policy in CTY 13 – Integration and Design of Buildings in the Countryside in PPS 21 in that the development if permitted would be a prominent feature in the landscape and the design of the building is inappropriate for the locality.

Date:



Development Management Officer Report Committee Application

Summary					
Committee Meeting Date:	Item Number:				
Application ID: LA09/2021/1757/O	Target Date:				
Proposal: Dwelling & garage on a farm	Location: 25m NW of 155 Gulladuff Road Bellaghy				
Referral Route:					
To Committee - Refusal - Contrary to CTY 1 and 10 of PPS 21.					
Recommendation:					
Applicant Name and Address: Mr Silis Overend	Agent Name and Address: CMI Planners Ltd				
14 Loughinsholin Park	38b Airfield Road				
Castledawson	Toomebridge				
BT45 8EF	BT41 3SG				
Executive Summary: Refusal					
Signature(s): Peter Henry					

Case Officer Report

Site Location Plan



Consultations:		
Consultation Type	Consultee	Response
Statutory	DFI Roads - Enniskillen Office	Content
Non Statutory	DAERA - Coleraine	Substantive Response Received

Representations	R	ep	res	enta	ıtior	IS:
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Letters of Support	None Received
Letters of Objection	None Received
Number of Support Petitions and signatures	No Petitions Received
Number of Petitions of Objection and signatures	No Petitions Received

Summary of Issues

To Committee - Refusal - Contrary to CTY 1 and 10 of PPS 21.

Characteristics of the Site and Area

The proposed site is located approximately 1.1km north west of the development limits of Bellaghy, as such the site is located within the open countryside as per defined by the Magherafelt Area Plan 2015. The red line covers a roadside agricultural field that proposes to upgrade the existing access onto the Gulladuff Road. I note that the field is bounded by a line of mature hedging along all boundaries with a line of mature trees along the western boundary. The surrounding and immediate area are dominated by agricultural land uses with a scattering of residential properties with a nursing home in close proximity.

Representations

Only one neighbour notification was sent out however no representations were received.

Description of Proposal

This is an outline application for a proposed dwelling & garage on a farm, the site is located 25m NW of 155 Gulladuff Road, Bellaghy.

Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations

Mid Ulster Local Development Plan 2030 - Draft Plan Strategy

Strategic Planning Policy Statement (SPPS)

Magherafelt Area Plan 2015

PPS 1 - General Principles

PPS 3 - Access, Movement and Parking

PPS 21 - Sustainable Development in the Countryside

Building on Tradition - A Sustainable Design Guide for Northern Ireland Countryside

CTY 1 - Development in the Countryside

CTY 10 - Dwellings on the Farm

The SPPS provides a regional framework of planning policy that will be taken into account of in the preparation of Mid Ulster's Local Development Plan (LDP). At present, the LDP has not been adopted therefore transitional arrangements require the Council to take account of the SPPS and existing planning policy documents, with the exception of PPS 1, 5 and 9. Section 6.73 of the SPPS relates to development that is acceptable in the countryside, which includes infill opportunities. Section 6.77 states that 'proposals for development in the countryside must be sited and designed to integrate sympathetically with their surroundings must not have an adverse impact on the rural character of the area, and meet other planning and environmental considerations including those for drainage, sewerage, access and road safety'.

Development in the countryside is controlled under the provisions of PPS 21 Sustainable Development in the countryside. Policy CTY 1 provides clarification on which types of development area acceptable in the countryside. In this instance the application is for a dwelling the farm and as a result the development must be considered under CTY 10 of PPS 21.

Policy CTY 10 states that planning permission will be granted for a dwelling house on a farm where all of the following criteria can be met:

- (a) the farm business is currently active and has been established for at least 6 years;
- (b) no dwellings or development opportunities out-with settlement limits have been sold off from the farm holding within 10 years of the date of the application. This provision will only apply from 25 November 2008; and
- (c) the new building is visually linked or sited to cluster with an established group of buildings on the farm and the access should be taken from an existing lane. Consideration may be given to a site located away from the farm complex where there are no other sites available on the holding and where there are either:-
- demonstrable health and safety reasons; or
- verifiable plans to expand the farm business at the existing building group.

With respect to (a), a consultation was sent to DAERA with regards to the Farm Business, in their response stated that their was no business number identified on the P1C. Further clarification was sought from the agent but the only thing submitted was a series of receipts. On balance of the information submitted I hold the view that insufficient information has been submitted to demonstrate as an active and established farm business as per required by policy.

With respect to (b), upon review of the farm I note that there is no business to check on but the farm apparently only contains this one field and this appears to be the only application applied

for on this field.

With respect to (c), upon review of the submitted plans it appears that the farm only consists of one field wherein there are no buildings on the site. I note that the registered address of the farm is located within the development limits of Castledawson. However given the issue over the farm business I hold the view that the application fails under CTY 10.

Policy CTY 13 states that planning permission will be granted for a building in the countryside where it can be visually integrated into the surrounding landscape and it is of an appropriate design. I am content that an appropriately designed dwelling will not appear as visually prominent given the screening provided. I note that as much of the existing landscaping should be retained and supplemented with additional landscaping, with such any dwelling would be able to successfully integrate. Given the landform and surrounding development I feel it necessary to restrict any ridge height to 6m. From which, I am content that the application is able to comply under CTY 13.

In terms of policy CTY 14 planning permission will only be granted for a building in the countryside where it does not cause a detrimental change to, or further erode the rural character of an area. I am content that a dwelling in this location would respect the pattern of development in the area and is unlikely to cause detrimental change to the character of the area, complying under CTY 14.

The Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy was launched on 22nd February 2019 and is now a material planning consideration in assessing all planning applications in the District. Re-consultation on the Draft Plan Strategy closed at 5pm on 24th September 2020. The period for Counter Representations closed on 18th December 2020. On the 28th May 2021 the Council submitted the draft Plan Strategy to DFI for them to cause and Independent Examination, In light of this, the draft Plan Strategy does not yet carry determining weight.

PPS 3 - Access, Movement and Parking;

A consultation was sent to DFI Roads, in their response confirmed that they had no objections subject to conditions and informatives. I am content that the access is acceptable under PPS 3.

I have no ecological or residential amenity concerns.

The proposal accords with the policy requirements of SPPS and PPS 21, therefore I recommend approval for this development.

Neighbour Notification Checked

Yes

Summary of Recommendation:

Refusal

Reasons for Refusal:

- 1. The proposal is contrary to Policy CTY1 of Planning Policy Statement 21, Sustainable Development in the Countryside in that there are no overriding reasons why this development is essential in this rural location and could not be located within a settlement.
- 2. The proposal is contrary to Policies CTY1 and CTY10 of Planning Policy Statement 21, Sustainable Development in the Countryside and does not merit being considered as an

exceptional case in that it has not been demonstrated that the farm business is currently active and has been established for at least six years.	
Signature(s)	
Date:	

	ANNEX
Date Valid	8th December 2021
Date First Advertised	28th December 2021
Date Last Advertised	

Details of Neighbour Notification (all addresses)

The Owner/Occupier,

155 Gulladuff Road, Bellaghy, Londonderry, BT45 8LW

Date of Last Neighbour Notification	13th January 2022
Date of EIA Determination	
ES Requested	Yes /No

Planning History

Ref ID: H/2014/0425/F

Proposal: Conservatory to side of dwelling Address: 155 Gulladuff Road, Bellaghy,

Decision: PG

Decision Date: 27.02.2015

Ref ID: H/2005/0964/O

Proposal: Site of Proposed Dwelling and Garage Address: Adjacent to 155 Gulladuff Road, Bellaghy

Decision:

Decision Date: 22.02.2007

Ref ID: H/2004/1437/F Proposal: 11 KV Supply

Address: 154 Gulladuff Road, Bellaghy.

Decision:

Decision Date: 18.03.2005

Ref ID: LA09/2021/1757/O

Proposal: Dwelling & garage on a farm

Address: 25m NW of 155 Gulladuff Road, Bellaghy,

Decision:
Decision Date:

Summary of Consultee Responses
Drawing Numbers and Title
Drawing No. 01 Type: Site Location Plan Status: Submitted
Notification to Department (if relevant)
Date of Notification to Department: Response of Department:



Development Management Officer Report Committee Application

Sum	ımary
Committee Meeting Date:	Item Number:
Application ID: LA09/2021/1780/O	Target Date:
Proposal: Proposed domestic dwelling and garage in a farm	Location: 30m North of 2 Gortinure Road Maghera
Referral Route:	
Objection received	
Recommendation:	Approval
Applicant Name and Address: Ms Mary Louise Jackson 56 Carhill Road Garvagh	Agent Name and Address: CMI Planners 38b Airfield Road The Creagh Toomebridge BT41 3SQ
Executive Summary:	
Signature(s):	

Case Officer Report

Site Location Plan



Consultations:			
Consultation Type	Consul	tee	Response
Statutory	DFI Ro	ads - Enniskillen Office	Content
Representations:			
Letters of Support		None Received	
Letters of Objection		1	
Number of Support Petitions an	d	No Petitions Received	
signatures			
Number of Petitions of Objection	n and	No Petitions Received	
signatures			

Summary of Issues

One objection has been received from No.4 Gortinure Road, which is opposite the application site. The objector raised their displeasure at two separate planning approvals being granted along the Gortinure Road (SW of the application site) The objector raised concerns regarding the small stream and the potential of flooding and water running onto the road.

Having reviewed the above objection it appears the stream being referenced is adjacent to No.4, which is approximately 50m west of the edge of the red line of this application and on the other side of the road. Any development of this site would not have any impact on this stream and the site is not located in an area of flood risk. Dfl Roads were also consulted and responded to the representation received stating an informative is attached to all applications that a method of drainage for dealing with surface/storm water is designed and installed adjacent to the access in order to prevent water flowing from or into the property. Responsibility and maintenance of the drainage system remains with the property owner.

Characteristics of the Site and Area

The site is located within the open countryside, outside any defined settlement limits or other designations as per the Magherafelt Area Plan 2015. The red line of the application is a portion of a larger agricultural field which rises in a northern direction. The site has strong boundaries along the roadside and to the west with mature trees and hedges. The northern and eastern boundaries are currently undefined. The surrounding area is a mix of land uses with agricultural fields and residential dwellings within close proximity as well as an old church and burial ground to the south west.

Description of Proposal

This is an outline planning application for a proposed domestic dwelling and garage in a cluster.

Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations

Magherafelt Area Plan 2015

Strategic Planning Policy Statement (SPPS)

PPS 21: Sustainable Development in the Countryside

PPS 3: Access, Movement and Parking

The SPPS provides a regional framework of planning policy that will be taken into account of in the preparation of Mid Ulster's Local Development Plan (LDP). At present, the LDP has not been adopted therefore transitional arrangements require the Council to take account of the SPPS and existing planning policy documents, with the exception of PPS 1, 5 and 9. Section 6.73 of the SPPS relates to development that is acceptable in the countryside, which includes new dwellings in existing clusters. Section 6.77 states that 'proposals for development in the countryside must be sited and designed to integrate sympathetically with their surroundings must not have an adverse impact on the rural character of the area, and meet other planning and environmental considerations including those for drainage, sewerage, access and road safety'.

Development in the countryside is controlled under the provisions of PPS 21 Sustainable Development in the countryside.

Policy CTY 1 of PPS 21 requires all proposals for development in the countryside to be sited and designed to integrate sympathetically with their surroundings and to meet other environmental considerations including those for drainage, access and road safety. A number of examples are provided in CTY 1 detailing the different cases, which would allow for planning permission in the countryside, one of these being a dwelling sited within an existing cluster of buildings in accordance with Policy CTY 2a.

Policy CTY 2a states that planning permission will be granted for a dwelling at an existing cluster of development provided all the following criteria are met:

- The cluster of development lies outside of a farm and consists of four or more buildings (excluding ancillary buildings such as garages, outbuildings and open sided structures) of which at least three are dwellings.

I am content there is a cluster of development within the locality of the site that includes 6 dwellings.

- The cluster appears as a visual entity in the local landscape

Whilst travelling along the Gortinure Road the cluster appears in a visual entity in the local landscape.

- The cluster is associated with a focal point such as a social / community building/facility, or is located at a cross-roads.

The agent contends that the cluster of development is associated with a Church and Graveyard (which is in ruins). Following internal group meetings with the principle planner it was agreed that this could be considered a focal point as it would be a well known local landmark. Although the building is in ruins, it still has elements of walls in place and was visible at the time of the site visit with a new dwelling and garage being constructed to the north on the same side of the road.

- The identified site provides a suitable degree of enclosure and is bounded on at least two sides with other development in the cluster.

The site is bounded on the north western boundary by the dwelling and curtilage of No.3 and is bounded on the southern boundary by No.2 and associated outbuildings which run along the road frontage.

- Development of the site can be absorbed into the existing cluster through rounding off and consolidation and will not significantly alter its existing character, or visually intrude into the open countryside.

I am content that the proposed dwelling can be absorbed into the existing cluster through rounding off and consolidations and it will not alter the existing character of the area.

- Development would not adversely impact on residential amenity.

I am satisfied that a dwelling at this location would not adversely impact on residential amenity. Although no siting details have been provided as this is an outline planning application, I am satisfied that a dwelling within the site is far enough away from nearby dwellings it will not affect neighbouring dwellings.

I am content that the proposal complies with the policy criteria of Policy CTY 2a.

Policy CTY 13 states that Planning permission will be granted for a building in the countryside where it can be visually integrated into the surrounding landscape and it is of an appropriate design. I note that this is only an outline application therefore, no design details has been submitted however, I am of the opinion that an appropriately designed dwelling will not appear prominent in the landscape. I am content that a dwelling at this location does not rely solely on new planting for integration, although additional planting would benefit the integration of the dwelling. Any existing boundaries should be retained where possible to ensure a dwelling integrates at this location. I am content ancillary works will integrate with their surroundings and an appropriately designed dwelling would blend with the landform and other natural features.

Policy CTY 14 states that planning permission will only be granted for a building in the countryside where it does not cause a detrimental change to, or further erode the rural character of an area. I am content that an appropriately designed building will not appear prominent in the landscape. I am content that this development can be viewed as rounding off and that a dwelling at this site would not change the character of the area. A siting condition should be attached to any approval to ensure the curtilage of the dwelling respects the character of the area given how large the red line is in comparison to other neighbouring dwellings.

PPS 3- Access. Movement and Parking:

Dfl Roads were consulted and in their response stated they had no objection subject to a condition being attached requesting access details to be provided in accordance with the attached RS1 Form.

Other Policy and Material Considerations

The Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan 2030 - Draft Plan Strategy was launched on 22nd February 2019 and is now a material planning consideration in assessing all planning applications in the District. Re-consultation on the Draft Plan Strategy closed at 5pm on 24th September 2020. All valid representations received will be subject to a Counter Representation period. In light of this, the draft plan does not carry the determining weight associated with the adopted plan.

Neighbour Notification Checked Summary of Recommendation: Approval

Conditions

- 1. Application for approval of the reserved matters shall be made to the Council within 3 years of the date on which this permission is granted and the development, hereby permitted, shall be begun by whichever is the later of the following dates:-
- i. the expiration of 5 years from the date of this permission; or ii.the expiration of 2 years from the date of approval of the last of the reserved matters to be approved.

Reason: As required by Section 62 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

2. Approval of the details of the siting, design and external appearance of the buildings, the means of access thereto and the landscaping of the site (hereinafter called "the reserved matters"), shall be obtained from the Council, in writing, before any development is commenced.

Reason: This is outline permission only and these matters have been reserved for the subsequent approval of the Council.

3. Full particulars, detailed plans and sections of the reserved matters required in Conditions 01 and 02 shall be submitted in writing to the Council and shall be carried out as approved.

Reason: To enable the Council to consider in detail the proposed development of the site.

4. No development shall take place until a plan indicating floor levels of the proposed dwelling in relation to existing and proposed ground levels has been submitted to and approved by Mid Ulster District Council.

Reason: To ensure the dwelling integrates into the landform.

5. A landscaping scheme shall be submitted simultaneously with the detailed drawings for the development, hereby approved, at the Reserved Matters stage. Any trees or shrubs which may be damaged or die within a period of 5 years from the date of planting shall be replaced by plants of similar species and size at the time of their removal. All landscaping shall take place within the first available planting season after the commencement of the development.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity.

6. A scale plan at 1:500 shall be submitted as part of the reserved matters application showing the access to be constructed in accordance with the attached form RS1.

Reason: To ensure there is a satisfactory means of access in the interests of road safety and the convenience of road users.

7. The proposed dwelling shall be sited in the area shaded green on the approved plan 01 which was received on 15th December 2021.

Reason: To ensure that the development is integrated into the landscape.

Informatives

- 1. This permission does not confer title. It is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that he controls all the lands necessary to carry out the proposed development.
- 2. This permission does not alter or extinguish or otherwise affect any existing or valid right of way crossing, impinging or otherwise pertaining to these lands.
- 3. This determination relates to planning control only and does not cover any consent or approval which may be necessary to authorise the development under other prevailing legislation as may be administered by the Department or other statutory authority.

Signature(s)		
Date:		

	ANNEX
Date Valid	15th December 2021
Date First Advertised	11th January 2022
Date Last Advertised	
Details of Neighbour Notification (all address The Owner/Occupier, 1 Gortinure Road Maghera Londonderry The Owner/Occupier, 2 Gortinure Road Maghera Londonderry The Owner/Occupier, 3 Gortinure Road Maghera Londonderry Leslie McClean 4 Gortinure Road Maghera Londonderry	esses)
Date of Last Neighbour Notification	
Date of Last Neighbour Notification	13th January 2022
Date of EIA Determination	
ES Requested	Yes /No
Planning History Ref ID: H/1990/6079 Proposal: SITE OF DWELLING GORTINURI Address: GORTINURE ROAD Decision: Decision Date: Ref ID: LA09/2021/1780/O Proposal: Proposed domestic dwelling and g Address: 30m North of 2 Gortinure Road, Ma Decision: Decision Date: Summary of Consultee Responses	arage in a farm
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Drawing Numbers and Title	
Drawing No. 01 Type: Site Location Plan Status: Submitted	
Notification to Department (if relevant)	
Date of Notification to Department: Response of Department:	



Development Management Officer Report Committee Application

Summary	
Committee Meeting Date:	Item Number:
Application ID: LA09/2021/1801/O	Target Date:
Proposal: Proposed dwelling and garage on a farm	Location: 140m South West of 8 Lurganagoose Roaf Knockloughrim Magherafelt
Referral Route:	-
To Committee - Approval - Exception to Policy	
Recommendation:	
Applicant Name and Address: Mr N Mc Lean 12 Lurganagoose Road Knockloughrim Magherafelt	Agent Name and Address: W M McNeill 30 Knowehead Road Brougshane Ballymena BT43 7LF
Executive Summary: Approval	
Executive Summary. Approval	

Case Officer Report

Site Location Plan



Consultations:			
Consultation Type	Consultee		Response
Statutory	DFI Roads - Enniskillen Office		Content
Non Statutory	DAERA - Coleraine		Substantive Response Received
Statutory	Historic Environment Division (HED)		Advice
Representations:			
Letters of Support		None Received	
Letters of Objection		None Received	
Number of Support Petitions and signatures		No Petitions Received	
Number of Petitions of Objection and signatures		No Petitions Received	

Summary of Issues

To Committee - Approval - Exception to Policy.

Characteristics of the Site and Area

The proposed site is located just outside the development limits of Knockloughrim, within the LLPA and open countryside as per defined by the Magherafelt Area Plan 2015. The site is identified as 140m South West of 8 Lurganagoose Road, Knockloughrim, Magherafelt, in which the red line covers a portion of a much larger agricultural field. The surrounding and immediate area are dominated by a mix of development to the south of the site is characterised by agricultural land uses with a scattering of residential properties with the development limits of Knockloughrim to the north.

Representations

Five neighbour notifications were sent out however no representations were received.

Description of Proposal

This is an outline application for a proposed farm dwelling and garage, the site is located 140m South West of 8 Lurganagoose Road, Knockloughrim, Magherafelt.

Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations

Mid Ulster Local Development Plan 2030 - Draft Plan Strategy

Strategic Planning Policy Statement (SPPS)

Magherafelt Area Plan 2015

PPS 1 - General Principles

PPS 3 - Access, Movement and Parking

PPS 21 - Sustainable Development in the Countryside

Building on Tradition - A Sustainable Design Guide for Northern Ireland Countryside

CTY 1 - Development in the Countryside

CTY 10 - Dwellings on the Farm

The SPPS provides a regional framework of planning policy that will be taken into account of in the preparation of Mid Ulster's Local Development Plan (LDP). At present, the LDP has not been adopted therefore transitional arrangements require the Council to take account of the SPPS and existing planning policy documents, with the exception of PPS 1, 5 and 9. Section 6.73 of the SPPS relates to development that is acceptable in the countryside, which includes infill opportunities. Section 6.77 states that 'proposals for development in the countryside must be sited and designed to integrate sympathetically with their surroundings must not have an adverse impact on the rural character of the area, and meet other planning and environmental considerations including those for drainage, sewerage, access and road safety'.

Development in the countryside is controlled under the provisions of PPS 21 Sustainable Development in the countryside. Policy CTY 1 provides clarification on which types of development area acceptable in the countryside. In this instance the application is for a dwelling the farm and as a result the development must be considered under CTY 10 of PPS 21.

Policy CTY 10 states that planning permission will be granted for a dwelling house on a farm where all of the following criteria can be met:

- (a) the farm business is currently active and has been established for at least 6 years;
- (b) no dwellings or development opportunities out-with settlement limits have been sold off from the farm holding within 10 years of the date of the application. This provision will only apply from 25 November 2008; and
- (c) the new building is visually linked or sited to cluster with an established group of buildings on the farm and the access should be taken from an existing lane. Consideration may be given to a site located away from the farm complex where there are no other sites available on the holding and where there are either:-
- demonstrable health and safety reasons; or
- verifiable plans to expand the farm business at the existing building group.

With respect to (a), a consultation was sent to DAERA with regards to the Farm Business, in their response stated that the business has been allocated on the 1991. Went on to confirm that the business has made claims in each of the last 6 years, from such I am content that the business is active and established as per required by policy.

With respect to (b), upon review of the farm business I note that after reasonable checks were done I am content that no other approval for a farm dwelling have been attained in the last ten years nor has there been any development opportunities sold off in this time.

With respect to (c), I note that the registered address of the farm business and the farm buildings lie within the development limits of Knocloughrim where I am content that there is an established group of buildings. I note that there are also three fields of the farm located beside this group however upon further review of these, these could not be developed due to size and proximity to farm buildings which would give rise to amenity issues. From this I hold the view that the proposed site has been carefully chosen, to be the next best option where there is still a level of visual linkage with this group. With this in mind I am content that this complies under this policy.

The policy states that where practicable to use an existing laneway for access, I note that the intention is to upgrade an existing agricultural access which I find acceptable.

Policy CTY 13 states that planning permission will be granted for a building in the countryside where it can be visually integrated into the surrounding landscape and it is of an appropriate design. I am content that an appropriately designed dwelling will not appear as visually prominent given the screening provided. I note that as much of the existing landscaping should be retained and supplemented with additional landscaping. I note that in the location plan the agent showed substantial landscaping, with such any dwelling would be able to successfully integrate. Given the landform and surrounding development I feel it necessary to restrict any ridge height to 6m. From which, I am content that the application is able to comply under CTY 13.

In terms of policy CTY 14 planning permission will only be granted for a building in the countryside where it does not cause a detrimental change to, or further erode the rural character of an area. I am content that a dwelling in this location would respect the pattern of development in the area. I note that there was a concern over whether or not this would impact on the marring of the distinction between the countryside and development limits, however given that this is the most practical site under CTY 10 that it would prejudice this policy to refuse under CTY 15. In addition to this the agent has provided a level of landscaping to act as a visual gap to help to define the line between the development limits and countryside. Therefore on balance it is unlikely to cause detrimental change to the character of the area, complying under CTY 14.

Given the concerns over the marring of the distinction between the countryside and development limits, it has been agreed that this application can be an exception to the policy and must go to committee as a result.

The Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy was launched on 22nd February 2019 and is now a material planning consideration in assessing all planning applications in the District. Re-consultation on the Draft Plan Strategy closed at 5pm on 24th September 2020. The period for Counter Representations closed on 18th December 2020. On the 28th May 2021 the Council submitted the draft Plan Strategy to DFI for them to cause and Independent Examination, In light of this, the draft Plan Strategy does not yet carry determining weight.

PPS 3 - Access, Movement and Parking:

A consultation was sent to DFI Roads, in their response confirmed that they had no objections subject to conditions and informatives. I am content that the access is acceptable under PPS 3.

A consultation was also sent to HED who confirmed that they had no objections to the proposal.

I have no ecological or residential amenity concerns.

Neighbour Notification Checked

Yes

Approve

Conditions:

- 1. Application for approval of the reserved matters shall be made to the Council within 3 years of the date on which this permission is granted and the development, hereby permitted, shall be begun by whichever is the later of the following dates:-
- i. the expiration of 5 years from the date of this permission; or
- ii.the expiration of 2 years from the date of approval of the last of the reserved matters to be approved.

Reason: As required by Section 62 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

2. Approval of the details of the siting, design and external appearance of the buildings, the means of access thereto and the landscaping of the site (hereinafter called "the reserved matters"), shall be obtained from the Council, in writing, before any development is commenced.

Reason: This is outline permission only and these matters have been reserved for the subsequent approval of the Council.

3. The proposed dwelling shall exhibit the traditional elements of rural design particularly in form, proportion and finishes, as set out in the Department of Environment's Sustainable Design guide for the Northern Ireland countryside, 'Building on Tradition?.

Reason: To ensure the dwelling is in keeping with the character of the rural area.

4. The proposed dwelling shall have a ridge height of less than 6 metres above the finished floor level of the site and a low angle of roof pitch not exceeding 40 degrees.

Reason: To ensure that the development is not prominent and satisfactorily integrated into the landscape.

5. The depth of underbuilding between finished floor level and existing ground level shall not exceed 0.3 metres at any point.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

6. No development shall take place until a plan indicating floor levels of the proposed dwelling in relation to existing and proposed ground levels has been submitted to and approved by the Council.

Reason: To ensure the dwelling integrates into the landform.

7. During the first available planting season following the occupation of the dwelling hereby approved, a landscaping scheme, as agreed with the Council at Reserved Matters stage shall be implemented as agreed. The scheme shall include details of those trees to be retained and measures for their protection during the course of development and details of a native species hedge to be planted to the rear of the of the visibility splays. The scheme shall detail species types, siting and planting distances and a programme of planting for all additional landscaping on the site and will comply with the appropriate British Standard or other recognised Codes of Practice. Any tree, shrub or other plant identified in the landscaping scheme dying with 5 years of planting shall be replaced in the same position with a plant of a similar size and species.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity, to protect the rural character of the countryside and ensure the development satisfactorily integrates into the countryside.

8. The existing natural screenings of the site shall be retained unless necessary to prevent danger to the public in which case a full explanation along with a scheme for compensatory planting shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Council, prior to removal.

Reason: To safeguard the amenities of neighbouring occupiers and in the interests of visual amenity and to ensure that the proposed development does not prejudice the appearance of the locality.

9. If any retained tree is removed, uprooted or destroyed or dies within 5 years from the date of the occupation of the building for its permitted use another tree or trees shall be planted at the same place and that/those tree(s) shall be of such size and species and shall be planted at such time as may be specified by the Council.

Reason: To ensure the continuity of amenity afforded by existing trees.

10. A scale plan at 1:500 shall be submitted as part of the reserved matters application showing the access to be constructed in accordance with the attached form RS1.

Reason: To ensure there is a satisfactory means of access in the interests of road safety and the convenience of road users.

11. The proposed dwelling shall be sited in the area shaded Yellow on the drawing No. 01 stamp date 20th December 2021.

Reason: To ensure that the development is integrated into the landscape

Informatives

- 1. This permission does not alter or extinguish or otherwise affect any existing or valid right of way crossing, impinging or otherwise pertaining to these lands.
- 2. This permission authorises only private domestic use of the proposed garage and does not confer approval on the carrying out of trade or business there from.
- 3. This permission does not confer title. It is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that he controls all the lands necessary to carry out the proposed development.
- 4. This determination relates to planning control only and does not cover any consent or approval which may be necessary to authorise the development under other prevailing legislation as may be administered by the Council or other statutory authority.
- 5. The applicant's attention is drawn to form RS1 and the statement regarding an accurate, maximum 1:500 scale survey which must be submitted as part of the Reserved Matters application.

Signature(s)		
Date:		

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ANNEX		
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The Owner/Occupier,

8C Lurganagoose Road, Knockcloghrim, Magherafelt, Londonderry, BT45 8QS

The Owner/Occupier,

8b Lurganagoose Road Knockcloghrim

Date of Last Neighbour Notification	28th January 2022
Date of EIA Determination	
ES Requested	No

Planning History

Ref ID: LA09/2021/1801/O

Proposal: Proposed dwelling and garage on a farm

Address: 140m South West of 8 Lurganagoose Roaf, Knockloughrim, Magherafelt,

Decision:
Decision Date:

Summary of Consultee Responses

Drawing Numbers and Title

Drawing No. 01

Type: Site Location Plan

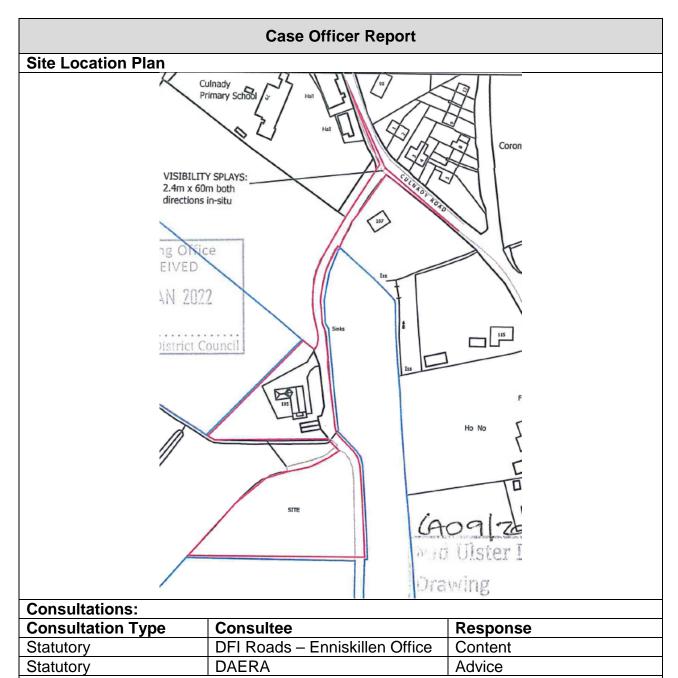
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Development Management Officer Report Committee Application

Summary			
Committee Meeting Date:	Item Number:		
Application ID: LA09/2022/0097/O	Target Date:		
Proposal:	Location:		
Proposed site for a dwelling and domestic	Site 50m South of 105 Culnady Road		
garage based on Policy CTY10 (dwelling on a farm)	Maghera		
Referral Route:			
Recommended refusal – contrary to PPS21 Policy CTY10			
Recommendation:	Refusal		
Applicant Name and Address: Mr Thomas Patterson	Agent Name and Address: CMI Planners Ltd		
105 Culnady Road	38b Airfield Road		
Upperlands	The Creagh		
Maghera	Toomebridge		
Executive Summary:			
Proposal considered against prevailing planning policy - insufficient information has been			
provided to demonstrate the proposal complies with Policy CTY1 and CTY10 of PPS21.			
No objections received.			
Signature(s):			



Representations:

Representations:	
Letters of Support	None Received
Letters of Objection	None Received
Number of Support Petitions and	No Petitions Received
signatures	
Number of Petitions of Objection	No Petitions Received
and signatures	

Characteristics of the Site and Area

The application site is located approximately 120m south of the development limits of Culnady and as such the site is located in the open countryside as per the Magherafelt Area Plan 2015. The site comprises an agricultural field, access to the site is via an existing private laneway onto Culnady Road. The site is set back from the public road approx. 180m therefore public views of the site are minimal. The ground level falls when travelling on the private lane from the public road. There is an existing single storey

dwelling and small shed located immediately north of the site. The southern boundary of the site is undefined, whilst the remaining boundaries of the site are defined by trees and vegetation. The immediate area is rural in character dominated by agricultural land, with greater development pressure north of the site within the settlement of the Culnady.

Description of Proposal

This application seeks outline planning permission for a dwelling and detached domestic garage on lands approximately 50m South of 105 Culnady Road, Maghera.

The dwelling is being applied for under Planning Policy Statement 21, Policy CTY 10 Dwelling on a Farm.

Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations

Section 45(1) of the Planning Act (NI) 2011 requires the Council, in dealing with an application, to have regard to the local development plan (LDP), so far as material to the application, and to any other material considerations. Section 6(4) requires that the determination of proposals must be in accordance with the LDP unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The following documents provide the primary policy context for the determination of this application:

- Regional Development Strategy 2030
- Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland
- Magherafelt Area Plan 2015
- Planning Policy Statement 3: Access, Movement and Parking
- Planning Policy Statement 21: Sustainable Development in the Countryside

The Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy was launched on 22nd February 2019 and is now a material planning consideration in assessing all planning applications in the District. Re-consultation on the Draft Plan Strategy closed at 5pm on 24th September 2020. The period for Counter Representations closed on 18th December 2020. On the 28th May 2021 the Council submitted the draft Plan Strategy to DFI for them to cause and Independent Examination. In light of this, the draft Plan Strategy does not yet carry determining weight.

Representations

Press advertisement and Neighbour Notification have been carried out in line with the Council's statutory duty. At the time of writing, no third party objections were received.

History on Site

H/2014/0180/O – Proposed dwelling and garage within an established cluster - Approx. 50 m north east of 105 Culnady Road Upperlands Maghera – Application Withdrawn 25/02/15

Key Policy Considerations/Assessment

<u>Magherafelt Area Plan 2015</u> – the site lies in the rural countryside outside any designated settlement with no other specific designations or zonings. The settlement limits of Culnady are in close proximity to the North.

<u>The Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland</u> – advises that the policy provisions of Planning Policy Statement 21: Sustainable Development in the Countryside are retained. The Strategic Planning Policy Statement outlines the aim to providing sustainable development and with respect to that should have regard to the development plan and any other material considerations. The general planning principles with respect to this proposal have been complied with.

<u>Planning Policy Statement 21 (PPS21): Sustainable Development in the Countryside</u> – PPS21 is the overarching policy for development in the countryside. It outlines that there are certain instances where the development of a dwelling is considered acceptable in the countryside subject to certain criteria. The current proposal falls under one of these instances, the development of a dwelling on a farm in accordance with Policy CTY10 – Dwellings on Farms.

Policy CTY 10 states that planning permission will be granted for a dwelling house on a farm where all of the following criteria can be met:

- a) the farm business is currently active and has been established for at least 6 years
- b) no dwellings or development opportunities out-with settlement limits have been sold off from the farm holding within 10 years of the date of the application. This provision will only apply from 25 November 2008
- c) the new building is visually linked or sited to cluster with an established group of buildings on the farm and where practicable, access to the dwelling should be obtained from an existing lane. Exceptionally, consideration may be given to an alternative site elsewhere on the farm, provided there are no other sites available at another group of buildings on the farm or out-farm, and where there are either:
 - demonstrable health and safety reasons; or
 - verifiable plans to expand the farm business at the existing building groups(s)

With respect to (a) the applicant has provided details surrounding their farm business in the accompanying P1C form. DAERA have confirmed the business ID quoted on the P1C has not been in existence for more than 6 years, allocated 15/11/21, and advised no claims have been made on the lands. The agent advised that the farm business was owned by the applicants father (Mr William Hugh Patterson) and when he died his farm ID was closed and another allocated to the applicant. However, this was verified with DAERA and they have advised that Mr William Hugh Patterson's Farm Business is not closed and the applicant Mr Thomas Patterson was allocated a Farm Business ID in Nov 2021 to enable him to keep a pet lambs in the garden to the rear of his dwelling and this business is not a direct continuation of the fathers business. At this time, no other farm business ID has been provided and as the farm business being relied on has not been established for more than 6 years and has not been demonstrated to be active the proposal must fail on this criterion.

With respect to (b) the agent has provided the farm maps relating to the applicant's father Mr William Hugh Patterson farm business. From a review of these maps and a planning history check, no records have been identified which indicate that any dwellings or development opportunities out with the settlement limits have been sold off from this farm holding within 10 years of the date of this application. However, as stated above, DAERA have confirmed the applicant's farm business ID being relied on is not a direct continuation of the farm business which these farm maps relate. Clarification was sought from the agent on 23/05/22 whether the applicant owns the land included on the farm

maps and also clarification was the farm land divided when the applicant's father died however to date I have received no response. No development opportunities appear to be sold off within the land outlined in blue on the site location plan.

With respect to (c), the application site is adjacent to the applicants exiting dwelling and outbuilding. It is considered the proposal will have a visual linkage with these existing buildings and the proposal will utilise the existing laneway. It is considered the proposal satisfies this criterion of CTY 10 policy.

This proposal should also be assessed against the requirements of Policy CTY 13 - Integration and Design of Buildings in the Countryside and Policy CTY14 Rural Character. , whereby it states that planning permission will be granted for a building in the countryside where it can be visually integrated into the surrounding landscape and it is of an appropriate design. This is an outline application therefore there are no details regarding the size, scale and design of the proposed dwelling have been submitted. The proposal is located on an existing laneway set back from the public road therefore there will be minimal public views of the site. Given the surrounding built form, I consider a condition restricting the ridge height to 6 metres is appropriate to any forthcoming approval to ensure integration. Should members consider granting planning approval; additional landscaping should also be conditioned to be shown at Reserved Matters stage to aid with integration at this site. I do not consider the proposal would appear unduly prominent in the landscape and I do not consider the additional of a dwelling on the site would detrimentally change the rural character. As such the proposal adheres to the requirements of CTY13 and CTY 14 of PPS21.

Planning Policy Statement 3 (PPS 3 Revised Feb 2005) Access, Movement and Parking advises that planning permission will only be granted for a development proposal involving direct access onto a public road where such access will not prejudice road safety or significantly inconvenience the flow of traffic; and the proposal does not conflict with Policy AMP 3 Access to Protected Routes. Dfl Roads have been consulted and have no objection subject to standard conditions. I am content the proposal meets Dfl Roads requirements and PPS3 Access, Movement and Parking.

Neighbour Notification Checked

Yes

Summary of Recommendation:

The proposal is recommended for refusal, as it does not comply with the SPPS and CTY1 of Planning Policy Statement 21.

Reasons for Refusal:

- 1. The proposal is contrary to the Strategic Planning Policy Statement and Policy CTY1 of Planning Policy Statement 21, Sustainable Development in the Countryside in that there are no overriding reasons why this development is essential in this rural location and could not be located within a settlement.
- The proposal is contrary to Policies CTY1 and CTY10 of Planning Policy Statement 21, Sustainable Development in the Countryside, and does not merit being considered as an exceptional case, in that it has not been demonstrated that the farm business is currently active and has been established for at least 6 years.

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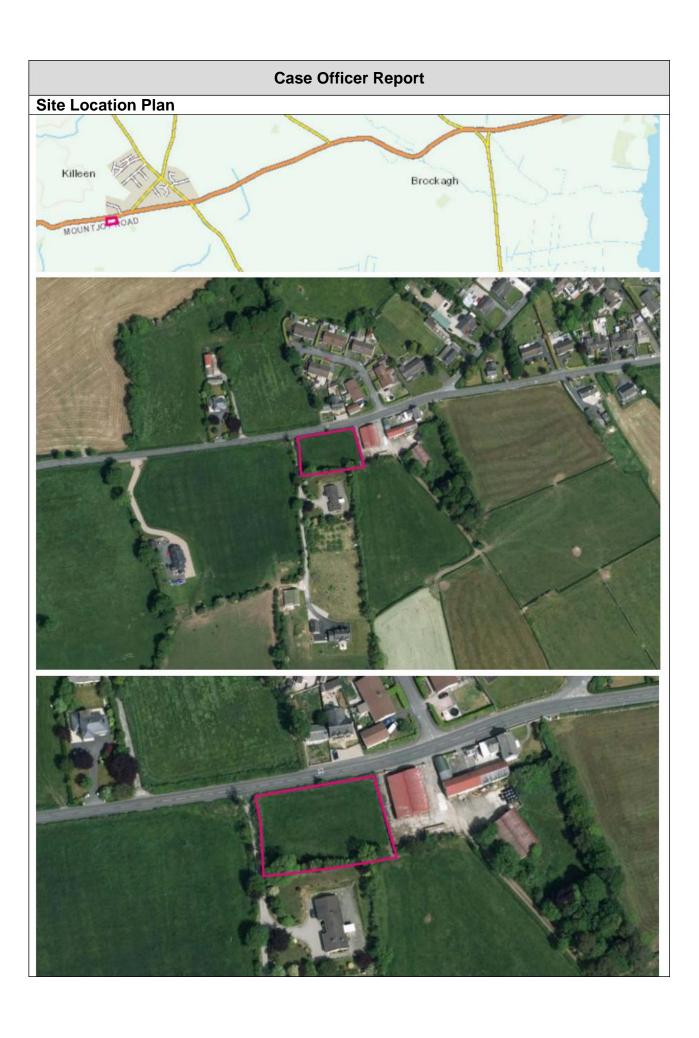
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Date:	



Local Planning Office
Mid-Ulster Council Offices
50 Ballyronan Road
Magherafelt
BT45 6EN

Development Management Officer Report Committee Application

Summary		
Committee Meeting Date:	Item Number:	
Application ID: LA09/2022/0144/F	Target Date:	
Proposal:	Location:	
Proposed Dwelling on approved site	Approximately 80m SW of 39 Mountjoy	
(LA09/2016/0999/O)	Road Dungannon	
Referral Route: Full application for dwell	ing on back of outline application.	
Recommendation: Approve		
Applicant Name and Address:	Agent Name and Address:	
Killen Developments		
11 Mountjoy Road		
Coalisland		
BT71 5DQ		
Executive Summary:		
Signature(s):		



Consultations:		
Consultation Type	Consultee	Response
Statutory	DFI Roads - Enniskillen Office	Standing Advice
Representations:		
Letters of Support		None Received
Letters of Objection		None Received
Number of Support Petitions and signatures		No Petitions Received
Number of Petitions of Objection and signatures		No Petitions Received

Description of Proposal

This is a full planning application for a proposed dwelling to be located on lands approximately 80m SW of 39 Mountjoy Road Dungannon. Lands previously approved for a dwelling on a farm under outline application LA09/2016/0999/O on the 8th February 2017.

Characteristics of the Site and Area

There does not appear to be any significant changes on site or in the immediate vicinity from the previous outline application on site, as such the characteristics of the site and area remain largely as before.

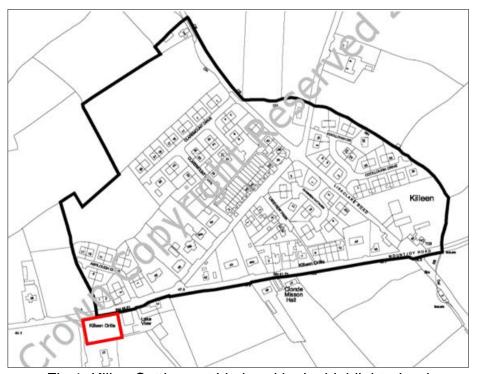


Fig 1: Killen Settlement Limits with site highlighted red

The site, a rectangular shaped roadside field, is located adjacent to the southwest limit of development for the settlement limit of Killeen, as defined in the Dungannon Area Plan 2010 (see Fig 1, abve). Access to the site is off the Mountjoy Road, which bounds it to the north. A block wall defining the curtilage of an adjacent farm group including 2-strorey dwelling bounds the site to the east. A strong fence and mature trees bounds the site to the south. A mature hedge bounds the western boundary of the site. A laneway, off the Mountjoy Road, runs along the outside of the western boundary. A low mature hedge bounds the northern roadside boundary of the site. The ground level within the site is similar to that of Mountjoy Road, dipping slightly to the west.

On the opposite side of the road, to the north of the site, are a number of residential properties and a sign business. Further west, on the same side of the road to the site, is an open field then a detached dwelling. To the south of the site is a detached dwelling and beyond that is agricultural land.

Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations

Section 45(1) of the Planning Act (NI) 2011 requires the Council, in dealing with an application, to have regard to the local development plan (LDP), so far as material to the application, and to any other material considerations. Section 6(4) requires that the determination of proposals must be in accordance with the LDP unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The following documents provide the primary policy context for the determination of this application:

Regional Development Strategy 2030

Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan 2010

Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland

Planning Policy Statement 3 - Access, Movement and Parking

Planning Policy Statement 21 - Sustainable Development in the Countryside

Supplementary Planning Guidance for PPS21 - 'Building on Tradition' A Sustainable Design Guide for the Northern Ireland Countryside.

The Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy was launched on 22nd February 2019 and is now a material planning consideration in assessing all planning applications in the District. Re-consultation on the Draft Plan Strategy closed at 5pm on 24th September 2020. The period for Counter Representations closed on 18th December 2020. On the 28th May 2021 the Council submitted the draft Plan Strategy to DFI for them to cause an Independent Examination, In light of this, the draft Plan Strategy does not yet carry determining weight.

Representations

Press advertisement and Neighbour Notification has been carried out in line with the Council's statutory duty. At the time of writing, no third party representations were received.

Relevant Planning History

LA09/2016/0999/O - Dwelling on a farm - Approx. 80m SW of 39 Mountjoy Rd Dungannon - Granted 8th February 2017

Consultees

 <u>DfI Roads</u> were consulted in relation to access arrangements and have raised no objections to this proposal, subject to standard conditions and informatives. Accordingly, subject to these conditions and informatives, I am content the proposal will comply with the provisions of Planning Policy Statement 3 Access, Movement and Parking.

Consideration

<u>Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan 2010</u> - is the statutory local development plan for the application site. The site is located outside any development limit and the development plan offers no specific policy or guidance in respect of the proposal.

<u>The Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland</u> - Retains the policy provisions of Planning Policy Statement 21: Sustainable Development in the Countryside.

<u>Planning Policy Statement 21: Sustainable Development in the Countryside</u> - is the overarching policy for development in the countryside. It provides certain instances where the development of a dwelling is considered acceptable in the countryside subject to criteria. These instances are listed in Policy CTY1 of PPS21.

The principle of development had been established on this site under outline planning application LA09/2016/0999/O. This approval on the 8th February 2017 granted permission for a dwelling on a farm under the provisions of CTY 10 of PPS 21 'Dwellings on Farms'. As required by Section 62 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, condition 1 of this outline application was that the:

- 1. Application for approval of the reserved matters shall be made to the Council within 3 years of the date on which this permission is granted and the development, hereby permitted, shall be begun by whichever is the later of the following dates:
 - i. the expiration of 5 years from the date of this permission; or
 - ii. the expiration of 2 years from the date of approval of the last of the reserved matters to be approved.

I consider that this development benefits from outline approval. An approval, which ran out as the reserved matters application was not submitted within the 3-year timeframe specified. However, had the reserved matters application been submitted, the applicant / developer would have had until the 7th February 2022 to commence development. The current application was submitted on the 2nd February 2022 prior to the 7th February 2022. Accordingly, in relation to original farm, a site has been sold-off. The applicant acquired the site in good faith and though a dwelling on it will extend the build up outside the settlement limits of Killeen, this will read as a cluster and will have no impact on the rural character of the area (see Fig 1, further above).

This proposal complies with the planning conditions set at outline stage under LA09/2019/1004/O. That said the proposed development must still comply with Policies CTY 13 and 14 of PPS 21. CTY 13 states that the proposed development must be able to visually integrate into the surrounding landscape and be of an appropriate design. Policy CTY 14 allows for a building in the countryside where it does not cause detrimental change to or further erode the rural character of the area.

I am content that the size, scale, siting, orientation and design (including material finishes) of the dwelling are acceptable for the site and locality, that it should integrate on site and into the landscape without significant impact to the character of the area. As such, this proposal should not offend policies CTY 13 or CTY 14 of Planning Policy Statement 21.

The dwelling is simplistic and reflective of traditional rural design and in keeping with the rural design principles set out in 'Building on Tradition' A Sustainable Design Guide for the Northern Ireland Countryside. From critical views, passing the roadside frontage of the site and from the Lakeview Park / Mountjoy Road junction just northeast of the site, the dwelling will benefit from the existing mature vegetation bounding the site, providing it with a backdrop and sense of enclosure.

The dwelling, which has a rectangular shaped floor plan and pitched roof construction (2-storey with approx. 8.6m ridge height above FFL), has a dropped pitch eastern gable extension (1 ¾ storey with approx. 7.7m ridge height above FFL) incorporating a ground floor garage and 1st floor bedroom and a small centrally located flat roof front porch. The finishes to the proposed dwelling include:

- Slates to roof
- Smooth render painted to walls
- Plaster bands around windows
- Upvc windows

Other Policy/Considerations

I have no concerns regarding the proposed dwelling impacting the amenity of neighbouring properties to any unreasonable degree in terms of overlooking or overshadowing owing primarily to the existing vegetation and walls enclosing the site; and the separation distances that are to be retained.

In addition to checks on the planning portal Historic Environment Division (HED) and Natural Environment Division (NED) map viewers available online have been checked and identified no built heritage assets of interest or natural heritage interests of significance on site.

Flood Maps (NI) indicate the site is not subject to flooding

Whilst the site is located within an area of constraint on abandoned mines, in view of stability issues, a search of the Geological Survey for NI "Shafts and Adits Database" indicates no known abandoned mine workings are in the vicinity of the site.

Recommendation

Approve

Neighbour Notification Checked	Yes
Summary of Recommendation:	Approve

Conditions

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 5 years from the date of this permission.

Reason: As required by Section 61 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

2. The existing natural screenings of this site indicated in yellow on approved Drawing No. 01 bearing the date stamp received 2 FEB 2022, shall be permanently retained intact unless necessary to provide access and / or visibility splays; or prevent danger to the public in which case a full explanation shall be

given to the Council in writing prior to their removal.

Reason: In the interests of visual and residential amenity.

3. All proposed landscaping as detailed on Drawing No. 01 bearing the date stamp received 2 FEB 2022, shall be carried out during the first available planting season following the occupation of the development hereby approved. Any trees or shrubs which, within a period of 5 years from the completion of the development, die, are removed, or become seriously damaged or diseased shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of similar size and species.

Reason: In the interests of visual and residential amenity.

4. The vehicular access, including visibility splays of 2.4m x 80m in both directions and any forward sight distance shall be provided in accordance with on Drawing No. 01 bearing the date stamp received 2 FEB 2022, prior to the commencement of any other development hereby permitted. The area within the visibility splays and any forward sight line shall be cleared to provide a level surface no higher than 250mm above the level of the adjoining carriageway and such splays shall be retained and kept clear thereafter.

Reason: To ensure there is a satisfactory means of access in the interests of road safety and the convenience of road users.

5. The gradient(s) of the access road shall not exceed 4% (1 in 25) over the first 10m outside the road boundary. Where the vehicular access crosses a footway, the access gradient shall be between 4% (1 in 25) maximum and 2.5% (1 in 40) minimum and shall be formed so that there is no abrupt change of slope along the footway.

Reason: To ensure there is a satisfactory means of access in the interests of road safety and the convenience of road users.

Informatives

- 1. This permission does not alter or extinguish or otherwise affect any existing or valid right of way crossing, impinging or otherwise pertaining to these lands.
- 2. This permission does not confer title. It is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that he controls all the lands necessary to carry out the proposed development.
- 3. This determination relates to planning control only and does not cover any consent or approval which may be necessary to authorise the development under other prevailing legislation as may be administered by the Council or other statutory authority.
- 4. This permission authorises only private domestic use of the proposed garage and does not confer approval on the carrying out of trade or business there from.

5. Dfl Roads comments:

Precautions shall be taken to prevent the deposit of mud and other debris on the adjacent road by vehicles travelling to and from the construction site. Any mud, refuse, etc. deposited on the road as a result of the development, must be removed immediately by the operator/contractor.

The applicant should contact the Department for Infrastructure's Roads Service Maintenance Section in order that an agreement may be reached regarding maintenance costs and incurred expenses in consequence of any damage caused to the public road.

Not withstanding the terms and conditions of the Council's approval set out above, you are required under Articles 71-83 inclusive of the Roads (NI) Order 1993 to be in possession of the Department for Infrastructure's consent before any work is commenced which involves making or altering any opening to any boundary adjacent to the public road, verge, or footway or any part of said road, verge, or footway bounding the site. The consent is available on personal application to the Roads Service Section Engineer. A monetary deposit will be required to cover works on the public road.

It is the responsibility of the Developer to ensure that water does not flow from the site onto the public road (including verge or footway) and that existing road side drainage is preserved and does not allow water from the road to enter the site.

Signature(s)		
Date:		



Development Management Officer Report Committee Application

Summary				
Committee Meeting Date:	Item Number:			
Application ID: LA09/2022/0186/O	Target Date:			
Proposal:	Location:			
Dwelling & garage under CTY6 (personal	25m SW of No 12a Gortnahurk Road			
& domestic circumstances)	Draperstown			
Referral Route:				

Recommended refusal – contrary to PPS21 Policy CTY6

Recommendation:	Refusal
Applicant Name and Address:	Agent Name and Address:
Marie Scullin	C McIlvar Ltd
12a Gortnahurk Road	Unit 7 Cookstown Enterprise Centre
Draperstown	Sandholes Road
·	Cookstown

Executive Summary:

Proposal considered against prevailing planning policy - insufficient information has been provided to demonstrate the proposal complies with Policy CTY1 and CTY6 of PPS21. No objections received.

Signature	(s)	:
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Case Officer Report

Site Location Plan



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Consultations.				
Consultation Type	Consultee		Response	
Statutory	DFI Roads	s – Enniskillen Office	Content	
Representations:				
Letters of Support None Received		None Received		
Letters of Objection		None Received		
Number of Support Petitions and		No Petitions Received		
signatures				
Number of Petitions of Objection		No Petitions Receive	ed	
and signatures				

Characteristics of the Site and Area

The application site is located in the open countryside outside any defined settlement limits as per the Magherafelt Area Plan 2015. The site is located approximately 1.8km southeast of the development limits of Draperstown. The site comprises a portion of enclosed land currently finished with gravel. The site is directly in front of the dwelling No.12a Gortnahurk Road which is at a higher ground level. There is an existing access on to the public road which adjoins No.12a Gortnahurk Road. The ground level rises when travelling from west to east along this stretch of road. The north and rear boundary is defined by mature hedging. The south east boundary is defined by post and wire fencing and the roadside boundary is partially defined by planting. The immediate area is dominated by agricultural land uses with dispersed dwellings, a small quarry is located in proximity to the west.

Description of Proposal

This application seeks outline planning permission for a dwelling and garage on lands approximately 25m SW of No 12a Gortnahurk Road, Draperstown.

The dwelling is being applied for under Planning Policy Statement 21, Policy CTY 10 Dwelling on a Farm.

Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations

Section 45(1) of the Planning Act (NI) 2011 requires the Council, in dealing with an application, to have regard to the local development plan (LDP), so far as material to the application, and to any other material considerations. Section 6(4) requires that the determination of proposals must be in accordance with the LDP unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The following documents provide the primary policy context for the determination of this application:

- Regional Development Strategy 2030
- Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland
- Magherafelt Area Plan 2015
- Planning Policy Statement 3: Access, Movement and Parking
- Planning Policy Statement 21: Sustainable Development in the Countryside

The Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan 2030 – Draft Plan Strategy was launched on 22nd February 2019 and is now a material planning consideration in assessing all planning applications in the District. Re-consultation on the Draft Plan Strategy closed at 5pm on 24th September 2020. All valid representations received will be subject to a Counter Representation period. In light of this, the draft plan does not carry the determining weight associated with the adopted plan.

Representations

Press advertisement and Neighbour Notification have been carried out in line with the Council's statutory duty. At the time of writing, no third party objections were received.

History on Site

H/2001/0276/O – Site of Dwelling and garage – 160m SE of 10 Gortahurk Road, Draperstown - Permission Granted 15/11/01

Key Policy Considerations/Assessment

<u>Magherafelt Area Plan 2015</u> – the site lies in the rural countryside outside any designated settlement with no other specific designations or zonings. The settlement limits of The Loup are in close proximity to the North.

The Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland – advises that the policy provisions of Planning Policy Statement 21: Sustainable Development in the Countryside are retained. The Strategic Planning Policy Statement outlines the aim to providing sustainable development and with respect to that should have regard to the development plan and any other material considerations. The general planning principles with respect to this proposal have been complied with.

Planning Policy Statement 21 (PPS21): Sustainable Development in the Countryside – PPS21 is the overarching policy for development in the countryside. It outlines that there are certain instances where the development of a dwelling is considered acceptable in the countryside subject to certain criteria. In this case the applicant has put forward a case on the basis of Personal & Domestic Circumstances and the relevant policy is CTY6. This allows the Council to grant planning permission for a dwelling where genuine

hardship will be caused if planning permission were refused and there are no alternative solutions. The agent has provided supporting information with respect the applicant's health. The agent has advised that the applicant relies to some degree on her son, however would like to have independence in the form of a separate home with two spare bedrooms for guests. Having carefully considered the supporting information submitted at internal group, it is not considered that a new dwelling is a necessary response to the particular circumstances of the case and that genuine hardship would be caused if planning permission were refused. The proposal site is separate from the applicant's existing dwelling No.12a Gortnahurk Road, located immediately to the southwest on an enclosed portion of land. It is noted that No.12a Gortnahurk has a generous curtilage and existing garage. It is considered that alternative solutions exist which would meet the applicant's circumstances in the conversion of the garage or alternatively the erection of an annex/extension to the existing dwelling which could be carefully designed in a way to allow for privacy and not result in impacts on amenity. Insufficient evidence has been provided which would suggest these alternatives could not work and it is considered this would be a more appropriate solution.

The applicant has failed to demonstrate refusal would cause demonstrable hardship, and there are clear alternative solutions rather than the erection of a new dwelling, therefore in my opinion this is contrary to PPS21 CTY6.

Policy CTY13 states that Planning permission will be granted for a building in the countryside where it can be visually integrated into the surrounding landscape and it is of an appropriate design. It is considered that a dwelling could blend in successfully with its immediate and wider surroundings if it were of a design, size and scale that is comparable to existing dwellings in the locality. The site has a degree of boundary vegetation which will assist integration and enclosure. It is considered appropriate to condition that the retention of existing vegetation and additional planting will also be required for sufficient integration and this can be conditioned appropriately. Should members consider the principal of development acceptable, I consider it necessary that a condition is attached to any forthcoming approval restricting the ridge height of the dwelling to 6 metres to conform with the surrounding built form and given the siting to the roadside and to the front of No.12a.

Policy CTY 14 states that planning permission will be granted for a building in the countryside where it does not cause detrimental change to, or further erode the rural character of an area. The application site is currently finished in hard core gravel and the land rises approx. 1.5metres to the NE beyond the red line of the site. I do not consider the additional of a single dwelling on the site, which is modest in scale and designed in accordance with Building on Tradition Deign Guide, would detrimentally alter the rural character of this area or appear unduly prominent.

Planning Policy Statement 3 (PPS 3 Revised Feb 2005) Access, Movement and Parking advises that planning permission will only be granted for a development proposal involving direct access onto a public road where such access will not prejudice road safety or significantly inconvenience the flow of traffic; and the proposal does not conflict with Policy AMP 3 Access to Protected Routes. Dfl Roads have been consulted and have no objection subject to standard conditions. I am content the proposal meets Dfl Roads requirements and PPS3 Access, Movement and Parking.

Neighbour Notification Checked

Yes

Summary of Recommendation:

The proposal is recommended for refusal, as it does not comply with CTY1 and 6 of Planning Policy Statement 21.

Reasons for Refusal:

- 1. The proposal is contrary to the Strategic Planning Policy Statement and Policy CTY1 of Planning Policy Statement 21, Sustainable Development in the Countryside in that there are no overriding reasons why this development is essential in this rural location and could not be located within a settlement.
- 2. The proposal is contrary to Policy CTY6 of Planning Policy Statement 21, Sustainable Development in the Countryside in that the applicant has not provided satisfactory evidence that a new dwelling is a necessary response to the particular circumstances of the case and that genuine hardship would be caused if planning permission were refused and it has not been demonstrated that there are no alternative solutions to meet the particular circumstances of this case.

Signature(s)		
Date:		



Development Management Officer Report Committee Application

Summary			
Committee Meeting Date:	Item Number:		
Application ID: LA09/2022/0381/F	Target Date:		
Proposal: Proposed double infill for dwellings and garages	Location: 170m South West of 219 Dungannon Road Cabragh		
Referral Route: Refusal – contrary to CTY	8 of PPS 21.		
Recommendation:	Refusal		
Applicant Name and Address: Brendan Goan 27 Ackinduff Road Cabragh Dungannon	Agent Name and Address: Sam Smyth Architecture Unit 45D Dungannon Enterprise Centre 2 Coalisland Road Dungannon BT71 6JT		
Executive Summary:			
Signature(s):			

Site Location Plan

Consultations:

Consultation Type	Consultee	Response
Statutory	DFI Roads - Enniskillen Office	Standing Advice
Non Statutory	Rivers Agency	Substantive Response Received

Representations:

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Letters of Support	None Received
Letters of Objection	None Received
Number of Support Petitions and	No Petitions Received
signatures	
Number of Petitions of Objection	No Petitions Received
and signatures	

Summary of Issues

No represnetations received. Considered to be contrary to CTY 8 of PPS 21.

Characteristics of the Site and Area

The site is located approx. 170m South West of 219 Dungannon Road, Cabragh and is located within the open countryside as identified within the Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan 2010. The site sits adjacent to the south of the A4 Dungannon – Ballygawley Road, a former protected route. The site is generally quite flat throughout and the boundaries appear mostly undefined at present. The surrounding area is largely made up of agricultural fields, with a number of existing dwellings within close proximity and Sandvik is located just NW of the site.

Description of Proposal

Full planning permission is sought for proposed double infill for dwellings and garages.

Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations

Representations

Neighbour notification and press advertisement has been carried out in line with the Council's statutory duty. Neighbours notified include: 210 and 211 Dungannon Road. At the time of writing, no representations were received.

Planning History

LA09/2020/0718/O - 80m West of 219 Dungannon Road, Cabragh - Proposed dwelling and garage on a farm - PERMISSION GRANTED

LA09/2021/0301/RM - 80m West of 219 Dungannon Road, Cabragh - Dwelling & garage on a farm – PERMISSION GRANTED

Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations

- Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan 2010
- Strategic Planning Policy Statement (SPPS)
- PPS 21: Sustainable Development in the Countryside
- PPS 3: Access, Movement and Parking
- PPS 15: Planning and Flood Risk
- Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy

The Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy was launched on 22nd February 2019 and is now a material planning consideration in assessing all planning applications in the District. Re-consultation on the Draft Plan Strategy closed at 5pm on 24th September 2020. The period for Counter Representations closed on 18th December 2020. On the 28th May 2021 the Council submitted the draft Plan Strategy to DFI for them to cause an Independent Examination, In light of this, the draft Plan Strategy does not yet carry determining weight.

The Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan identifies the site as being outside any defined settlement limits. The site has no other zonings or designations within the plan.

The Strategic Planning Policy Statement outlines the aim to providing sustainable development and with respect to that should have regard to the development plan and any other material considerations.

Policy CTY 1 of PPS 21 requires all proposals for development in the countryside to be sited and designed to integrate sympathetically with their surroundings and to meet other environmental considerations including those for drainage, access and road safety. A range of examples are set out in CTY 1 detailing different cases which would allow for planning permission in the countryside, one of these being the development of a small gap site within an otherwise substantial and continuously built up frontage in accordance with CTY 8.

CTY 8 states that planning permission will be refused for a building which creates or adds to a ribbon of development. An exception will be permitted for the development of a small gap site sufficient only to accommodate up to a maximum of two houses within an otherwise substantial and continuously built up frontage and provided this respects the existing development pattern along the frontage in terms of size, scale, siting and plot size and meets other planning and environmental requirements. For the purpose of the policy, the definition of a substantial and built up frontage includes a line of 3 or more buildings along a road frontage without accompanying development to the rear.

It is considered that the proposed site does not meet the policy test in that there is a continuous built up frontage along this road. At present, there is a dwelling which was under construction during the site visit and had been built up to the first floor level and is located to the east of the site. The site plan which was approved for this application is shown below (figure 1). In figure 1, it is evident that the frontage this dwelling will have to the road when complete is at the access point only. The remainder of the lands which sites to the front of the dwelling will be agricultural use and cannot be considered as part of the frontage of the dwelling. Therefore, taking into consideration what is on the ground at present, I am not satisfied that there is a line of three or more buildings along this road frontage and therefore the proposal does not meet this policy requirement. I am content that the gap would be sufficient to accommodate no more than two dwellings; however this does not negate the issue of the lack of road frontage of the dwelling under construction. To the west of the site there is a further two dwellings which each share a frontage to the road.

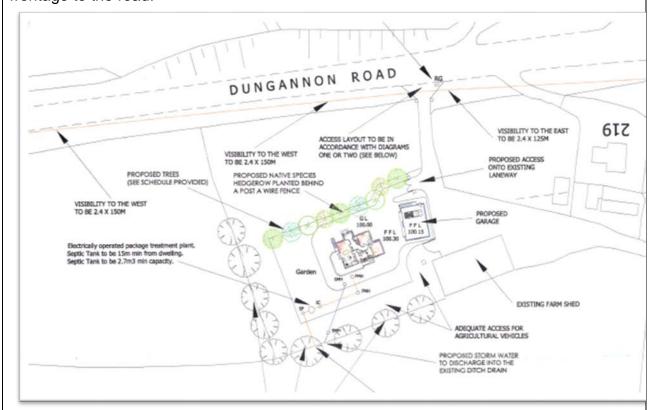


Figure 1 – Approval for dwelling east of site under LA09/2021/0301/RM (it is considered this dwelling will not have frontage to road when works are completed).

Policies CTY 13 and CTY 14 are also applicable in relation to the proposal. Policy CTY 13 states that planning permission will be granted for a building in the countryside where it can be visually integrated into the surrounding landscape and it is of an appropriate design. Policy CTY 14 states that planning permission will be granted for a building in the countryside where it does not cause a detrimental change to, or further erode the rural character of an area. The design of two dwellings are identical and this would not normally be acceptable in the countryside, as noted in email to the agent, we would not be requesting any change in design at this stage given we don't feel the proposal is acceptable in principle as set out beforehand.

The proposal intends to create a paired access onto Dungannon Road. Dfl Roads were consulted and noted no concerns subject to conditions and informatives.

Rivers Agency were consulted on the proposal and have also responded with no concerns in relation to the proposal.

Neighbour Notification Checked Yes

Summary of Recommendation:

Refusal is recommended.

Conditions/Reasons for Refusal:

- 1. The proposal is contrary to Policy CTY1 of Planning Policy Statement 21, Sustainable Development in the Countryside in that there are no overriding reasons why this development is essential in this rural location and could not be located within a settlement.
- 2. The proposal is contrary to Policy CTY8 of Planning Policy Statement 21, Sustainable Development in the Countryside in that the proposal is not located within a small gap site within an otherwise substantial and continuously built up frontage.

Signature(s)	
Date:	

	ANNEX	
Date Valid	23rd March 2022	
Date First Advertised	5th April 2022	
Date Last Advertised		

Details of Neighbour Notification (all addresses)

The Owner/Occupier,

210 Dungannon Road, Dungannon, Tyrone, BT70 1TH

The Owner/Occupier,

211 Dungannon Road, Dungannon, Tyrone, BT70 1TH

Date of Last Neighbour Notification	22nd April 2022
Date of EIA Determination	
ES Requested	Yes /No

Planning History

Ref ID: LA09/2021/0301/RM

Proposal: Dwelling & garage on a farm

Address: 80m West of 219 Dungannon Road, Cabragh,

Decision: PG

Decision Date: 15.06.2021

Ref ID: LA09/2020/0718/O

Proposal: Proposed dwelling and garage on a farm Address: 80m West of 219 Dungannon Road, Cabragh,

Decision: PG

Decision Date: 08.01.2021

Ref ID: LA09/2022/0381/F

Proposal: Proposed double infill for dwellings and garages Address: 170m South West of 219 Dungannon Road, Cabragh,

Decision:
Decision Date:

Summary of Consultee Responses

Dfl Roads: content Rivers Agency: content

Drawing Numbers and Title

Drawing No. 03

Type: Proposed Plans Status: Submitted

Drawing No. 02

Type: Site Layout or Block Plan

Status: Submitted

Drawing No. 01

Type: Site Location Plan Status: Submitted

Drawing No. 04 Type: Garage Plans Status: Submitted

Notification to Department (if relevant)

Date of Notification to Department:

Response of Department:



Development Management Officer Report Committee Application

Summary				
Committee Meeting Date:	Item Number:			
Application ID: LA09/2022/0545/F	Target Date:			
Proposal: Single storey rear extension to dwelling to provide new bedroom, bathroom and kitchen extensions plus utility room	Location: 21 Ballynacross Road Knockcloghrim Magherafelt			
Referral Route:				
The agent's spouse is a member of MUDC Plan	ning Department			
Recommendation:	Approval			
Applicant Name and Address: Mrs Carol Garland 21 Ballynacross Road Knockclogrim Magherafelt	Agent Name and Address: Gordon Arbuthnot 6 Culnady Road Upperlands Maghera BT46 5TN			
Executive Summary:				
Signature(s):				

Case Officer Report

Site Location Plan



Consultations:			
Consultation Type	Consul	tee	Response
Representations:			
Letters of Support		None Received	
Letters of Objection		None Received	
Number of Support Petitions and signatures		No Petitions Received	
Number of Petitions of Objection and signatures		No Petitions Received	

Summary of Issues

No issues identified.

Characteristics of the Site and Area

The site is located within the open countryside outside any defined settlement limits or any other designations as per the Magherafelt Area Plan 2015. The red line of the application includes the roadside dwelling 21 Ballynacross Road and the existing curtilage and small outbuildings. The existing dwelling is a single storey detached dwelling, which faces onto the public road and has its main curtilage on the northern side of the site with garden areas and planting around the house. The surrounding area is a mix of agricultural land uses with a farm located within close proximity with single dwellings located sporadically throughout the countryside.

Description of Proposal

This is a full planning application for a Single storey rear extension to dwelling to provide new bedroom, bathroom and kitchen extensions plus utility room

Planning Assessment of Policy and Other Material Considerations

Magherafelt Area Plan 2015
Strategic Planning Policy Statement (SPPS)
Addendum to PPS 7- Residential Extensions and Alterations

The SPPS provides a regional framework of planning policy that will be taken into account of in preparation of Mid Ulster Council's Local Development Plan (LDP). At present, the LDP has not been adopted therefore, transitional arrangements require the council to take account of the SPPS and existing planning policy documents, with the exception of PPS 1, 5 and 9. Paragraph 6.137 of the SPPS advises that residential extensions should be well designed.

Planning Policy EXT 1 details that planning permission will be granted for a proposal to extend or alter a residential property where all of the following criteria are met:

- (a) The scale, massing, design and external material of the proposal are sympathetic with the built form and appearance of the existing property and will not detract from the appearance and character of the surrounding area
- (b) The proposal does not unduly affect the privacy or amenity of neighbouring residents;
- (c) The proposal will not cause the unacceptable loss of, or damage to, trees or other landscape features which contribute significantly to local environmental quality; and
- (d) Sufficient space remains within the curtilage of the property for recreational and domestic purposes including the parking and manoeuvring of vehicles.

I am content that the scale and massing of the proposed extension are acceptable in that it will not dominate the existing building and will not detract from the appearance or character of the surrounding area as it matches the height and design of the existing building, extending the footprint of the house to the North.

I am satisfied that the proposal will not unduly affect the privacy or amenity of the neighbouring residents given the extension is to the north of the site and the nearest third party dwelling is south of the existing property.

The proposal will not cause the unacceptable loss of, or damage to, trees or other landscape features, which contribute significantly to local environmental quality.

I am content that sufficient space will remain within the curtilage for recreational and domestic purposes including parking and manoeuvring of vehicles.

Other Material Consideration

The Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy was launched on 22nd February 2019 and is now a material planning consideration in assessing all planning applications in the District. Re-consultation on the Draft Plan Strategy closed at 5pm on 24th September 2020. The period for Counter Representations closed on 18th December 2020. On the 28th May 2021 the Council submitted the draft Plan Strategy to DFI for them to cause and Independent Examination, In light of this, the draft Plan Strategy does not yet carry determining weight.

Neighbour Notification Checked

Yes/No

Summary of Recommendation:
Approval
Conditions
1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 5 years from the date of this permission.
Reason: As required by Section 61 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.
Informatives
1. This permission does not confer title. It is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that he controls all the lands necessary to carry out the proposed development.
2. This approval does not dispense with the necessity of obtaining the permission of the owners of adjacent dwellings for the removal of or building on the party wall or boundary whether or not defined.
3. This permission does not alter or extinguish or otherwise affect any existing or valid right of way crossing, impinging or otherwise pertaining to these lands.
Signature(s)

Date:

	ANNEX	
Date Valid	26th April 2022	
Date First Advertised	10th May 2022	
Date Last Advertised		

Details of Neighbour Notification (all addresses)

The Owner/Occupier.

19 Ballynacross Road, Knockcloghrim, Magherafelt, Londonderry, BT45 8PY

The Owner/Occupier,

23 Ballynacross Road Knockcloghrim Magherafelt

The Owner/Occupier,

25 Ballynacross Road Knockcloghrim Magherafelt

The Owner/Occupier,

27 Ballynacross Road Knockcloghrim Magherafelt

Date of Last Neighbour Notification	12th May 2022
Date of EIA Determination	
ES Requested	Yes /No

Planning History

Ref ID: H/2005/0898/O

Proposal: Dwelling and Garage

Address: 30m North West of 21 Ballynacross Road, Knockloughrim

Decision:

Decision Date: 20.11.2005

Ref ID: LA09/2020/1026/F

Proposal: 2 single storey extensions one to provide an artists studio to RHS and one to provide

utility/shower room and rear porch to LHS Address: 23 Ballynacross Road, Knockcloghrim,

Decision: PG

Decision Date: 10.11.2020

Ref ID: LA09/2022/0545/F

Proposal: Single storey rear extension to dwelling to provide new bedroom, bathroom and

kitchen extensions plus utility room

Address: 21 Ballynacross Road, Knockcloghrim, Magherafelt,

Decision:
Decision Date:

Summary of Consultee Responses

Drawing Numbers and Title

Drawing No. 01 Type: Proposed Plans Status: Submitted

Drawing No. 02 Type: Existing Plans Status: Submitted

Notification to Department (if relevant)

Date of Notification to Department: Response of Department: