

Teach Buvinda, Bóthar Átha Cliath, An Uaimh, Contae na Mí. C15 Y291
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Planning & Development Act 2000 – 2023
NOTIFICATION OF DECISION

TO: Louise Murtagh
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REFUSAL

PLANNING REGISTER NUMBER: 26/60841
APPLICATION RECEIPT DATE: 06/07/2026
FURTHER INFORMATION DATE:

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the above-mentioned Act, Meath County Council has by Order dated 28/08/2026 decided to **REFUSE PERMISSION** to the above named for development of land in accordance with the documents submitted namely: the development will consist of a new single story dwelling house, the installation of a waste water treatment plant and soil polishing filter, the modification of an existing site entrance gate and all associated site works - at Faughanhill, Bohernmeen, county Meath, for the 2 reasons set out in the Schedule hereto.

DATE: 28/08/2026



On behalf of Meath County Council

The Planning Authority in deciding this application in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2023, has regard to submissions or observations received in accordance with the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2025, as amended.

NOTE:

1. Any appeal against a decision of a Planning Authority under Section 34 of the Planning and Development Act, of 2000-2023 may be made to An Coimisiún Pleanála. Any person may appeal **WITHIN FOUR WEEKS** beginning on the date of the decision.
2. Appeals should be addressed to An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1. An appeal by the applicant should be accompanied by this form. **In the case of a third party appeal, the acknowledgement from the Planning Authority of receipt of the submission or observation made by the person to the Planning Authority at application stage should be submitted and the name of the person, particulars of the proposed development and the date of the decision of the Planning Authority should be stated.**

*Personal Data/ Information – If you have submitted personal data relating to your application, this will be destroyed after 1 month of this Notification. If you wish to collect your Personal Data / Information please arrange to collect within 1 month of the date of this Notification. Photographic ID (Passport / Driving Licence) will be required and the Planning Authority must be satisfied with same.

Guide to Fees payable to the Board

- a. Appeal against a decision of a planning authority on a planning application relating to commercial development¹ made by the person by whom the planning application was made, where the application included the retention of development is € 4,500 or € 9,000 if EIA R / NIS involved².
- b. Appeal against a decision of a planning authority on a planning application relating to commercial development¹, made by the person by whom the planning application was made, other than an appeal mentioned at (a) is € 1,500 or € 3,000 if EIA (R) / NIS involved².
- c. Appeal against a decision of a planning authority on a planning application made by the person by whom the planning application was made, where the application included the retention of development, other than an appeal mentioned at (a) or (b) is € 660.
- d. Appeal other than an appeal mentioned at (a), (b), (c) or (f)³ is € 220
- e. Application for leave to appeal is € 110.
- f. Appeal following a grant of leave to appeal € 110.
- g. Any first party appeal solely against contribution conditions under section 48 or 49 of the 2000 Acts 2000 - 2023, attracts a fee of €220 irrespective of the nature of the application

An appeal will be invalid unless accompanied by the appropriate fee and evidence of payment of submission fee to the Planning Authority.

Submissions or observations to An Coimisiún Pleanála by or on behalf of a person (other than the applicant) as regards an appeal made by another person must be submitted within four weeks of receipt of the appeal by An Coimisiún Pleanála and must be accompanied by a fee of € 50.

Footnote

¹ Commercial development includes 2 or more dwellings. See Board's order determining fees and its appeal guide.

² The higher fee applies where an Environmental Impact Assessment Report Statement (EIA R) or Natura Impact Statement (NIS) was submitted to the planning authority under section 172(1) and / or 177T of the 2000 – 2023 Planning Act or article 103(1) of the 2001-2026 Planning Regulations, as amended except where the appeal relates solely to a section 48 / 49 development / supplementary development contribution scheme and/or a special financial contribution. (refer to (g) above).

³ Applies to:- (i) All third party appeals except where the appeal follows a grant of leave to appeal; (ii) First party normal planning appeals (section 37) not involving commercial or unauthorised development, or an EIA R; (iii) All other appeals (non-section 37).

While every care has been taken to ensure the accuracy and completeness of this information, it is the responsibility of any person / body making an appeal to ensure that their appeal is accompanied by the correct fee.

For more information on Appeals you can contact An Coimisiún Pleanála at:

Tel: 01 - 8588100 or LoCall: 1890 275 175

Fax: 01 – 8722684

Email: appeals@pleanala.ie

Web: www.pleanala.ie

Reasons for Refusal

1. The proposed development would give rise to an excessive density of development in a rural area lacking certain public services and community facilities and would establish an undesirable precedent for further development of this type. In addition, the proposed development would be contrary to the policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027, which seeks to provide more sustainable formats of development within the rural area, through supporting the vitality of lower order centres and existing local community facilities including policies /objectives RD POL 4, RUR DEV SO 5, CS OBJ 1 and RD OBJ 1. The development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
2. Having regard to the nature of the development of a dwelling in a Strong Rural Area at a location where there has been a significant amount of development of one-off rural dwellings, the Planning Authority, in assessing such applications, is required to have regard to the following policy provisions of Section 9.5.1 of the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027:

The Planning Authority will also take into account the following matters in assessing individual proposals for one-off rural housing....

- a. *Local circumstances such as the degree to which the surrounding area has been developed and is trending towards becoming overdeveloped;*
- b. *The degree of existing development on the original landholding from which the site is taken including the extent to which previously permitted rural housing has been retained in family occupancy. Where there is a history of individual residential development on the landholding through the speculative sale of sites, permission may be refused;*

It is considered that the proposed development, if permitted, would result in the immediate rural area becoming further overdeveloped and would represent an unacceptable quantum of development taking place on the original landholding. Therefore, it is considered that the proposed development would materially contravene the above criteria of the Meath County Development Plan, would depreciate the value of the adjoining properties, would set an undesirable precedent for future development in the area and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.