

Teach Buvinda, Bóthar Átha Cliath, An Uaimh, Contae na Mí. C15 Y291
Buvinda House, Dublin Rd., Navan, Co.Meath. C15 Y291

Planning & Development Act 2000 – 2023
NOTIFICATION OF DECISION

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REFUSAL

PLANNING REGISTER NUMBER: 26/60898
APPLICATION RECEIPT DATE: 16/07/2026
FURTHER INFORMATION DATE:

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the above-mentioned Act, Meath County Council has by Order dated 09/09/2026 decided to **REFUSE PERMISSION** to the above named for development of land in accordance with the documents submitted namely: a) Repurposing of the existing sub-standard detached bungalow into stores and loose horse boxes. b) Demolition of some existing outhouses. c) The construction of a replacement A-BER rated, detached, 1 and 2-storey dwelling within the same site. d) The provision of a new vehicular entrance. e) The elimination of one site vehicular farm entrance. f) An EPA compliant Waste Water Treatment System to replace the existing septic tank system. g) The construction of 4no. loose horse boxes and a barn. h) All associated site-works - at Calgath, Kilcock, County Meath, W23KDE4 for the 3 reasons set out in the Schedule hereto.

DATE: 09/09/2026



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. It is a policy of the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027 (RD POL 31) to encourage and facilitate the appropriate refurbishment of existing housing stock in rural areas and in certain cases, the replacement of existing dwellings, subject to appropriate development assessment criteria. Further, the Planning Authority shall consider applications for refurbishment and/or replacement of existing housing stock in rural areas where the proposal is of a scale, and where such architectural treatment is sympathetic to the character of the original structure and the surrounding area, including adjoining or nearby development.

The proposed change of use of the existing residential unit to stores and loose horse boxes is unacceptable to the Planning Authority. Whilst the structure is not considered to be one that represents significant architectural merit, the applicant has failed to provide a written justification or structural assessment in relation to the sub-standard nature of the building, which is of a scale and form that is characteristic of the surrounding area. As such, the proposal is not considered to be a development which constitutes a replacement dwelling and is therefore subject to the policy provisions of the Rural Development Strategy (RUR DEV SP 2).

2. The site is located in a rural area outside any designated settlement as defined in the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027 where development which is not rurally generated should be more properly located in settlement centres. It is policy of the County Development Plan (RUR DEV SP 2) to restrict housing in this area to those who are intrinsically part of the rural community and do not currently own a property or who have an occupation predominantly based in the rural community. It is considered, based on the information submitted and on the basis that the development as proposed does not constitute a 'replacement dwelling', that the applicant has not established a rural generated housing need for a dwelling in this location. The development would be contrary to the policy of the Meath County Development Plan 2021 – 2027 and the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
3. It is the policy of the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027 (RD POL 9), "To require all applications for rural houses to comply with the 'Meath Rural House Design Guide'". The proposed new dwelling, by reason of its bulk, massing and siting, to include the western projection and setback from the road, would be out of keeping and would fail to integrate with the character of the immediate surrounding rural area and would form a visually obtrusive feature, which would not respect and integrate with the surrounding landscape. Accordingly, to permit the proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.