

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

TO: Michael & Karen Durkin
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REFUSAL

PLANNING REGISTER NUMBER: 26/60985
APPLICATION RECEIPT DATE: 05/08/2026
FURTHER INFORMATION DATE:

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the above-mentioned Act, Meath County Council has by Order dated 29/09/2026 decided to **REFUSE PERMISSION** to the above named for development of land in accordance with the documents submitted namely: the application is to include the following. A) Raising the roof of the existing garage and extending the floor area to the rear of the existing garage to accommodate a home office and private GYM area at first floor level. B) Covered car port to the rear of existing garage at ground floor level, C) Enclosure of the existing open porch structure to the front of the house, along with all facilitating and associated site development works - at Ardrums Great, Agher, Summerhill, Co. Meath, A83WY45 for the 2 reasons set out in the Schedule hereto.

DATE: 29/09/2026



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.

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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 (DM OBJ 50) of the Meath County Development Plan 2021 – 2027 that, All applications for residential extensions in urban and rural areas shall be of High quality design which respects, harmonises and integrates with the existing dwelling in terms of height, scale, materials used, finishes, window proportions, etc; inter alia.

The proposed garage by virtue of its scale, height and design is considered to represent an inappropriate form of domestic structure which would be detrimental to the visual amenities of the area. The proposal would fail to remain subordinate to the parent structure and would diminish the character and visual integrity of the building, setting an undesirable precedent for other similar development and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

2. Based on the information submitted, in particular the absence of any documentation in relating to the need for the proposed garage extension, it is not considered that the applicant has demonstrated a justification or need for a garage of this scale at this location. The proposed development would, therefore establish an undesirable future precedent for developments of this kind and be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.