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**NOTIFICATION OF DECISION TO REFUSE PERMISSION  
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (as amended) AND  
PLANNING REGULATIONS THEREUNDER**

<b>Decision Order No.</b>	<b>1321</b>	<b>Date of Decision</b>	20-Oct-2022
<b>Register Reference</b>	SD22B/0385	<b>Date</b>	30-Aug-2022

**Applicant:** Alex Morton

**Development:** Garage conversion for extended living for an additional bedroom. With new window to the front elevation

**Location:** Rockwood Cottage, Mount Venus Road, Woodtown, Dublin 16.

**Time extension(s) up to and including:**

**Additional Information Requested/Received:** /

**Clarification of Additional Information Requested/Received:** /

**DECISION:** Pursuant to the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), dated as above a decision to **REFUSE PERMISSION** is hereby made for the said development for the reason(s) set out on the Schedule hereto.

**REASON(S)**

1. The proposed application and provision of further intensification of the unauthorised use for the detached structure with an additional bedroom would represent a substandard independent residential dwelling unit within the overall site which is out of character with the established pattern of development in the area and is contrary to the 'RU' zoning objective which seeks 'To protect and improve rural amenity and to provide for the development of agriculture' and is contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development for the area.
2. In the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 there are three relevant policies. Policy H16 refers to Management of Single Dwellings in Rural Areas and states: 'Restrict the spread or urban generated dwelling in the Rural 'RU' ..... Zones and to focus

such housing into existing settlements in line with the Settlement Hierarchy’.

Policy H18 refers to Rural Housing in RU Zone and states :

New or replacement dwellings within areas designated with Zoning Objective RU’ (to protect and improve rural amenity and to provide for the development of agriculture) will only be permitted in the following exceptional circumstances:

The applicant can establish a genuine need to reside in proximity to their employment (such employment being related to the rural community

Or

The applicant has close family ties with the rural community.

Policy H23 Objective 1 states 'Ensure that all new rural housing and extensions within areas designated within Zoning Objectives Rural (RU),.....

- Would comply with the EPA’s Code of Practice for Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems (Population Equivalent less than 10) 2021 except where planning permission was granted prior to 7th June 2021 in which case the EPAs Code of Practice Wastewater Treatment Systems Serving Single Houses 2009 applies; and

Having regard to the above policies and the ‘RU’ zoning objective which seeks 'To protect and improve rural amenity and to provide for the development of agriculture', of the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022 – 2028, the proposed development would contravene the zoning objective and the above policies and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Please note that upon receipt of this document you are obliged to remove the planning site notice in compliance with Article 20 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). Please note that any valid submissions or observations received in accordance with the provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), have been considered in the determination of this application.

**Register Reference: SD22B/0385**

Signed on behalf of the South Dublin County Council.

Yours faithfully,

*Pamela Hughes* 20-Oct-2022  
for **Senior Planner**

## NOTES

### **(A) REFUND OF FEES SUBMITTED WITH A PLANNING APPLICATION**

Provision is made for a partial refund of fees in the case of certain repeat applications submitted within a period of twelve months where the full standard fee was paid in respect of the first application and where both applications related to developments of the same character or description and to the same site. An application for a refund must be made in writing to the Planning Authority and received by them within a period of two months beginning on the date of the Planning Authority's decision on the second application. For full details of fees, refunds and exemptions the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 should be consulted.

### **(A) APPEALS**

1. An appeal against the decision may be made to An Bord Pleanála. The applicant or ANY OTHER PERSON who made submissions or observations to the Local Authority may appeal within FOUR WEEKS beginning on the date of this decision. (N.B. Not the date on which the decision is sent or received).
1. Every appeal must be made in writing and must state the subject matter and full grounds of appeal. It must be fully complete from the start. In the case of a third party appeal it must be accompanied by the acknowledgement by the Planning Authority of receipt of the submissions/observations. Appeals should be sent to:
  2. The Secretary, An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.
  3. An Appeal lodged by an applicant/ agent or by a third party with An Bord Pleanála will be invalid unless accompanied by the prescribed fee. A schedule of fees is at 7 below.
  4. A party to an appeal making a request to An Bord Pleanála for an Oral Hearing of an appeal must, in addition to the prescribed fee, pay to An Bord Pleanála a further fee (see 7 (g) below).
  5. A person who is not a party to an appeal must pay a fee to An Bord Pleanála when making submissions or observations to An Bord Pleanála in relation to an appeal.
  6. If the Council makes a decision to grant permission/grant permission consequent on a grant of outline permission and there is no appeal to An Bord Pleanála against this decision, PERMISSION/PERMISSION CONSEQUENT ON A GRANT OF OUTLINE PERMISSION will be granted by the Council as soon as may be after the expiration of the period for the taking of such an appeal. If any appeal made in accordance with the Acts has been withdrawn, the Council will grant the PERMISSION/PERMISSION CONSEQUENT ON A GRANT OF OUTLINE PERMISSION/RETENTION as soon as may be after the withdrawal.
7. Fees payable to An Bord Pleanála from 10th December 2007 are as follows:

- (a) Appeal against a decision of a Planning Authority on a planning application relating to commercial development made by the person by whom the planning application was made. where the application relates to unauthorised development .....€4.500.00 or €9.000 if an E.I.A.R. is involved
- (b) Appeal against a decision of a planning authority on a planning application relating to commercial development made by the person by whom the planning application was made. other than an appeal mentioned at (a)..... €1.500.00 or €3,000.00 if an E.I.A.R. is involved
- (c) Appeal made by the person by whom the planning application was made, where the application relates to unauthorised development other than an appeal mentioned at (a) or (b) .....€660.00
- (d) Appeal other than an appeal mentioned at (a), (b), (c) or (f) .....€220.00
- (e) Application for leave to appeal.....€110.00
- (f) Appeal following a grant of leave to appeal .....€110.00
- (g) Referral .....€220.00
- (h) Reduced fee (payable by specified bodies).....€110.00
- (i) Submission or observations (by observer).....€50.00
- (j) Request from a party for an Oral Hearing .....€50.00

If in doubt regarding any of the above appeal matters, you should contact An Bord Pleanála for clarification at

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