



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2018

Planning Authority: Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: D17A/0240.

Appeal by David Doyle care of Stephen Little and Associates of 26/27 Upper Pembroke Street, Dublin against the decision made on the 20th day of October, 2017 by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: The proposed development comprises of 47 number dwellings provided as follows; 33 number apartments including three number one-bed, 24 number two-bed and six number three-bed apartments with balconies/terraces in a three to four storey apartment building over single basement level and rooflights on the roof; 14 number houses including one number five-bed three-storey semi-detached house, three number four-bed two-storey semi-detached houses, two number four-bed three-storey semi-detached houses and eight number five-bed three-storey terraced houses; each will have a private garden and an option for solar panels on the roof; 78 number car spaces and 55 number cycle spaces at basement and surface level; All associated site development works including site clearance works, landscaping, open space, boundary treatments, ESB substation, site services and infrastructure, bin stores and plant at basement level and ancillary

signage. Vehicular and pedestrian access to/from Cherrygarth is via the existing access on the eastern boundary which is to be relocated and upgraded and via a proposed access on the southern boundary. Two number controlled pedestrian accesses are provided to the existing public open space area in the eastern part of the site. A footpath is proposed along part of southern site boundary adjoining Cherrygarth. Permission is also sought for the laying of a new surface water sewer outfall and a new foul sewer outfall to connect to the existing public sewers to the south of the site. All on a site of circa 1.39 hectares (excluding sewer connections) within the grounds of Thornhill House (s protected structure), Cherrygarth, Mount Merrion, Blackrock, County Dublin. The proposed development was revised by further public notice received by the planning authority on the 26th day of September, 2017.

Decision

GRANT permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the said plans and particulars based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the conditions set out below.

Matters Considered

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard. Such matters included any submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the zoning objective for the site as set out in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council County Development Plan 2016–2022, the National Planning Framework, 2018–2040, the Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas, issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in May 2009, and the overall scale, design and height of the proposed development it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the visual or residential amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity, would not have a detrimental impact on architectural heritage, and would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, as amended by the further plans and particulars submitted to the planning authority on the 26th day of September, 2017 and by the further plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 16th day of November, 2017, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions. Where such conditions require details to be agreed with the planning authority, the developer shall agree such details in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development and the development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. The proposed development shall be modified as follows:
 - (a) Units numbers 8 to 11 (inclusive) in revised 'Site Layout Plan' received by An Bord Pleanála on the 16th day of November, 2017 shall be omitted from the proposed development. Revised proposals for the provision of public open space on this land shall be submitted to and agreed with the planning authority prior to commencement of development.
 - (b) The north facing gable window in unit number 13 shall be finished in obscure glazing. Revised drawings showing compliance with this requirement be submitted to and agreed with the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of protecting established residential amenities.

3. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed development shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

4. The internal road network serving the proposed development, including turning bays, junctions, parking areas, footpaths and kerbs, shall comply with the detailed standards of the planning authority for such road works.

Reason: In the interest of amenity and of traffic and pedestrian safety.

5. Public lighting shall be provided in accordance with a scheme, which shall include lighting along pedestrian routes through open spaces, details of which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Such lighting shall be provided prior to the making available for occupation of any unit.

Reason: In the interests of amenity and public safety.

6. All service cables associated with the proposed development (such as electrical, telecommunications and communal television) shall be located underground. Ducting shall be provided by the developer to facilitate the provision of broadband infrastructure within the proposed development.

Reason: In the interests of visual and residential amenity.

7. Proposals for an estate/street name, house/apartment numbering scheme and associated signage shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Thereafter, all estate and street signs, and house/apartment numbers, shall be provided in accordance with the agreed scheme. No advertisements/marketing signage relating to the names of the development shall be erected until the developer has obtained the planning authority's written agreement to the proposed names.

Reason: In the interest of urban legibility.

8. The areas of public open space shown on the lodged plans shall be reserved for such use and shall be levelled, contoured, soiled, seeded, and landscaped in accordance with the detailed requirements of the planning authority.

Reason: In order to ensure the satisfactory development of the public open space areas, and their continued use for this purpose.

9. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall lodge with the planning authority a cash deposit, a bond of an insurance company or such other security as may be accepted in writing by the planning authority, to secure the protection of the trees on site and to make good any damage caused during the construction period, coupled with an agreement empowering the planning authority to apply such security, or part thereof, to the satisfactory protection of any tree or trees on the site or the replacement of any such trees which die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased within a period of three years from the substantial completion of the development with others of similar size and species. The form and amount of the security shall be as agreed between the planning authority and the developer or, in default of agreement, shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

Reason: To secure the protection of trees on the site

10. The developer shall inform the planning authority and the National Parks and Wildlife Service of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht as soon as possible after receiving notification of the granting of planning permission of the methods of disposal of Japanese Knotweed and Knotweed contaminated soil from the site, whether by burial or off-site, and in the case that the latter method is to be employed, apply to the National Parks and Wildlife Service for a licence permitting the transport of Japanese Knotweed from the site to a licensed disposal facility.

Reason: To ensure than an invasive species, Japanese Knotweed, which can damage buildings of other built structures and harm biodiversity, is properly and safely disposed of.

11. The developer shall facilitate the preservation, recording and protection of archaeological materials or features that may exist within the site. In this regard, the developer shall –
- (a) notify the planning authority in writing at least four weeks prior to the commencement of any site operation (including hydrological and geotechnical investigations) relating to the proposed development,
 - (b) employ a suitably-qualified archaeologist who shall monitor all site investigations and other excavation works, and
 - (c) provide arrangements, acceptable to the planning authority, for the recording and for the removal of any archaeological material which the authority considers appropriate to remove. In default of agreement on any of these requirements, the matter shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

Reason: In order to conserve the archaeological heritage of the site and to secure the preservation and protection of any remains that may exist within the site.

12. The construction of the development shall be managed in accordance with a Construction Management Plan, which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This plan shall provide details of intended construction practice for the development, including hours of working, noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

Reason: In the interests of public safety and residential amenity.

13. Construction and demolition waste shall be managed in accordance with a construction waste and demolition management plan, which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This plan shall be prepared in accordance with the “Best Practice Guidelines on the Preparation of Waste Management Plans for Construction and Demolition Projects”, published by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in July 2006. The plan shall include details of waste to be generated during site clearance and construction phases, and details of the methods and locations to be employed for the prevention, minimisation, recovery and disposal of this material in accordance with the provision of the Waste Management Plan for the Region in which the site is situated.

Reason: In the interest of sustainable waste management

14. A plan containing details for the management of waste (and, in particular, recyclable materials) within the development, including the provision of facilities for the storage, separation and collection of the waste and, in particular, recyclable materials and for the ongoing operation of these facilities shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Thereafter, the waste shall be managed in accordance with the agreed plan.

Reason: To provide for the appropriate management of waste and, in particular recyclable materials, in the interest of protecting the environment.

15. The management and maintenance of the proposed development following its completion shall be the responsibility of a legally constituted management company. A management scheme providing adequate measures for the future maintenance of public open spaces, roads and communal areas shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: To provide for the satisfactory future maintenance of this development in the interest of residential amenity.

16. Prior to commencement of development, the applicant or other person with an interest in the land to which the application relates shall enter into an agreement in writing with the planning authority in relation to the provision of housing in accordance with the requirements of section 94(4) and section 96(2) and (3) (Part V) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, unless an exemption certificate shall have been applied for and been granted under section 97 of the Act, as amended. Where such an agreement is not reached within eight weeks from the date of this order, the matter in dispute (other than a matter to which section 96(7) applies) may be referred by the planning authority or any other prospective party to the agreement to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

Reason: To comply with the requirements of Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and of the housing strategy in the development plan of the area.

17. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall lodge with the planning authority a cash deposit, a bond of an insurance company, or other security to secure the provision and satisfactory completion of roads, footpaths, watermains, drains and other services required in connection with the development, coupled with an agreement empowering the local authority to apply such security or part thereof to the satisfactory completion of any part of the development. The form and amount of the security shall be as agreed between the planning authority and the developer or, in default of agreement, shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

Reason: To ensure the satisfactory completion of the development.

18. The developer shall pay to the planning authority a financial contribution in respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefiting development in the area of the planning authority that is provided or intended to be provided by or on behalf of the authority in accordance with the terms of the Development Contribution Scheme made under section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The contribution shall be paid prior to commencement of development or in such phased payments as the planning authority may facilitate and shall be subject to any applicable indexation provisions of the Scheme at the time of payment. Details of the application of the terms of the Scheme shall be agreed between the planning authority and the developer or, in default of such agreement, the matter shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála to determine the proper application of the terms of the Scheme.

Reason: It is a requirement of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that a condition requiring a contribution in accordance with the Development Contribution Scheme made under section 48 of the Act be applied to the permission.

Paul Hyde

**Member of An Bord Pleanála
duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.**

Dated this day of 2018.