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**Board Direction**

**PL09.248488**

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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 25th October 2017.

The Board decided to grant permission generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations, and subject to the following conditions.

### **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to the sites location within Johnstown Village on lands zoned "C1 - New Residential" in Kildare County Development Plan 2017 - 2023, to the nature, scale and design of the proposed development, to the pattern of existing development in the area, and to the provisions of the Kildare County Development Plan 2017 - 2023, the Guidelines on 'Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas', issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in 2009 and the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS), issued by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in March 2013, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the residential or visual amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity, would respect the existing character of the area and would be acceptable in terms of traffic and pedestrian 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 on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 2016, and on 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 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 amended as follows:

a. Change the wall between House number 1 and the open space, to a low wall of 1.3m high, similar to the low wall in front of houses along the northern boundary.

**Reason:** In the interests of visual and residential amenity.

3. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes and boundary treatments to the proposed dwellings 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. Proposals for an estate/street name, house 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 numbers, shall be provided in accordance with the agreed scheme. The proposed name shall be based on local

historical or topographical features, or other alternatives acceptable to the planning authority. No advertisements/marketing signage relating to the name of the development shall be erected until the developer has obtained the planning authority's written agreement to the proposed name.

**Reason:** In the interest of urban legibility and to ensure the use of locally appropriate place names for new residential areas.

5. The areas of public open space shown on the lodged plans shall be reserved for such use and shall be contoured, soiled, seeded, and landscaped in accordance with the landscaping scheme submitted to the planning authority on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2017. This work shall be completed before any of the dwellings are made available for occupation and shall be maintained as public open space by the developer until taken in charge by the local authority.

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

6. The developer shall retain the services of a suitably qualified Landscape Architect (or qualified Landscape Designer) throughout the life of the site development works. A Practical Completion Certificate shall be signed off by the Landscape Architect when all landscape works are completed to the satisfaction of the planning authority in consultation with the Parks and Landscape Services Department, and in accordance with the permitted landscape proposals.

**Reason:** In the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

7. (a) Excavations in preparation for foundations and drainage, and all works above ground level in the immediate vicinity of trees, with the exception of trees identified for removal on drawing numbers JTL001 and JTL002 and in the Arborist's Report, as submitted to the planning authority on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016, shall be carried out under the supervision of a specialist arborist, in a manner that will ensure that all major roots are protected.

(b) No works shall take place on site until a construction management plan specifying measures to be taken for the protection and retention of the trees,

together with proposals to prevent compaction of the ground over the roots of the trees, has been submitted to, and been agreed in writing with, the planning authority. Any excavation within the tree protection areas shall be carried out using non-mechanised hand tools only.

**Reason:** To ensure that the trees are not damaged or otherwise adversely affected by building operations

8. 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 house.

**Reason:** In the interests of amenity and public safety

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

**Reason:** In the interest of visual and residential amenity.

10. Water supply and drainage arrangements, including the attenuation and disposal of surface water, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services.

**Reason:** In the interest of public health.

11. (a) The roads and traffic arrangements serving the site, including the upgrade of the junction between the L6033 and the L6034 roads and signage, shall be in accordance with the detailed requirements of the planning authority for such works and shall be carried out at the developer's expense. Details in this regard shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

(b) Footpaths shall be dished at road junctions in accordance with the requirements of the planning authority. Details of the locations and materials

to be used in such dishing shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

(c) The internal road network to serve the proposed development (including junctions, parking areas, footpaths and kerbs) shall comply with the detailed standards of the planning authority for such road works.

(d) The materials used, including tactile paving, in any roads/footpaths provided by the applicant shall comply with the detailed standards of the planning authority for such road works.

**Reason:** In the interests of traffic and pedestrian safety.

12. 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.

13. The construction of the development shall be managed in accordance with a detailed 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 noise management measures, site operational hours and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

**Reason:** In the interest of public safety and residential amenity.

14. A detailed construction traffic management plan shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. The plan shall include details of arrangements for routes for construction traffic, parking during the construction phase, signage, the location of the compound for storage of plant and machinery and the location for storage of deliveries to the site.

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

15. 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. The contribution shall be paid prior to the 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 the Board 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.

16. 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 and maintenance until taken in charge of roads, footpaths, watermains, drains, public open space and other services required in connection with the development, coupled with an agreement empowering the planning authority to apply such security or part thereof to the satisfactory completion or maintenance 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 and maintenance of the development until taken in charge.

17. The developer shall pay the sum of €23,400 euro (updated at the time of payment in accordance with changes in the Wholesale Price Index – Building and Construction (Capital Goods), published by the Central Statistics Office), to the planning authority as a special contribution under section 48 (2)(c) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, in respect of significant road reconstruction works required to be completed on the L6034 road in the vicinity of the proposed development over a distance of 200m. This contribution shall be paid prior to commencement of development or in such phased payments as the planning authority may facilitate. The application of indexation required by this condition 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.

**Reason:** It is considered reasonable that the developer should contribute towards the specific exceptional costs which are incurred by the planning authority which are not covered in the Development Contribution Scheme and which will benefit the proposed development.

**Note:** In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendations to omit four units, from the development, the Board accepted the Planning Authority's analysis and considered that the density of development was acceptable and in accordance with Ministerial guidelines.

**Board Member**

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017

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