

Board Direction BD-002000-18 ABP-302331-18

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 18/12/2018.

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 Cork City Development Plan 2015 – 2021, it is considered that, subject to conditions, the proposal for the redevelopment of the site for continuing residential use would comply with both Section 16.78 of the Development Plan on the demolition of existing dwelling houses and the zoning objective for this site. The density of development proposed would be appropriate to the size of the site and the pattern of surrounding development. Furthermore, the type and size of residential development proposed would be appropriate. The proposal would comply with relevant development standards and so it would afford a satisfactory standard of amenity to future residents. This proposal would be compatible with the visual and residential amenities of the area. Its access arrangements and water supply and drainage arrangements would be satisfactory. No significant effects on the environment would arise and no Appropriate Assessment issues would arise. 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 8th day of May 2018 and the clarification of this information submitted on the 19th day of June 2018, 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:

The windows in the southern elevation that serve the first-floor landing and the second floor stairs shall be fitted with obscure or patterned glazing and, thereafter, such glazing shall be retained insitu.

Revised drawings showing compliance with these requirements shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.

3. Prior to the commencement of development, an arborist shall establish whether roots from two walnut trees adjacent to the south-east corner of the site lie within the site and, if so, measures for their protection, during the construction phase, shall be identified. A report on this matter shall be submitted to the Planning Authority.

Reason: In order to safeguard these trees in the interest of residential amenity.

4. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes 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.

5. 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.

6. The internal road serving the proposed development, including 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.

7. Public lighting shall be provided in accordance with a scheme, 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.

8. Proposals for a 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 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.

9. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out and completed at least to the construction standards set out in the "Minimum Engineering Requirements for Residential Site Development Works" issued by Cork City Council in October 2010. Following completion, the development shall be maintained by the developer, in compliance with these standards, until taken in charge by the planning authority.

**Reason:** To ensure that the development is carried out and completed to an acceptable standard of construction.

10. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0800 to 1900 Mondays to Fridays inclusive, between 0800 to 1400 hours on Saturdays and not at all on Sundays and public holidays. Deviation from these times will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances where prior written approval has been received from the planning authority.

Reason: In order to safeguard the residential amenities of property in the vicinity.

11. 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.

12. 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.

**Reason:** In the interest of sustainable waste management.

13. The landscaping scheme shown on drg no. 17191/P/004 revision P1, as submitted to the planning authority on the 31st day of January 2018 shall be carried out within the first planting season following substantial completion of external construction works.

In addition to the proposals in the submitted scheme, the following shall be carried out: Any amendments to the landscaping scheme that may arise from compliance with condition 3 of this order.

All planting shall be adequately protected from damage until established. Any plants which die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased, within a period of five years from the completion of the development or until the development is taken in charge by the local authority, whichever is the sooner, shall be replaced within the next planting season with others of similar size and species, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the planning authority.

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

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

15. The entrance to the site shall be ungated at all times.

Reason: In order to promote permeability.

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 by the local authority of roads, footpaths, watermains, drains, public open space 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 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 to the planning authority a financial contribution of €106,015 (one hundred and six thousand and fifteen euro) 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. The application of any 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 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.

**Note:** In deciding not to accept the inspector's recommendation to reduce the floor to ceiling heights of house no 9 the Board considered that having regard to the separation distance to no 18 Orchard Road and adjacent properties and the topography of the site, that the proposed reduction in height was unnecessary and that the proposed development would not seriously injure the residential amenities of adjoining properties and would therefore be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member** 

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