

## Board Direction BD-005417-20 ABP-305889-19

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on12/03/2020.

The Board decided to grant permission, for the following reasons and considerations, and subject to the following conditions.

## **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to the land use zoning of the Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 – 2022, to the infill nature of the site, the design, layout and scale of the proposed development, and the nature and pattern of the development in the area, it is considered, that subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, that the proposed development would be acceptable in terms of pedestrian and traffic safety, and not seriously injure the visual and residential amenities in the vicinity. The proposed development would therefore be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to refuse permission, the Board considered that the design of the proposed development as a series of stepped terraces, would not result in excessive excavation, that the quality of private amenity space available for future occupants would be acceptable, and would not constitute overdevelopment of the site, and furthermore, that the boundary separation and design as indicated on the submission drawings would not seriously injure the amenities of residential properties in the vicinity.

## 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 received by An Bord Pleanála on the 11th day of November, 2019, 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) The site layout shall be amended to accommodate only one in curtilage car space per dwelling.
  - (b) All windows to the south west at first floor level shall be fixed and shall be permanently glazed with opaque or obscured glass.

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 interests of residential amenity.

 Development described in Classes 1 or 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, or any statutory provision modifying or replacing them, shall not be carried out within the curtilage of any of the proposed dwelling houses without a prior grant of planning permission

**Reason:** In the interest of the amenities of the area.

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. A comprehensive boundary treatment and landscaping scheme shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority, prior to commencement of development. This scheme shall include the following:-
  - (a) details of all proposed hard surface finishes, including samples
    of proposed paving slabs/materials for footpaths, kerbing and road
    surfaces within the development;
  - (b) proposed locations of trees and other landscape planting in the development, including details of proposed species and settings;
  - (c) details of proposed boundary treatments at the perimeter of the site, including heights, materials and finishes.

The boundary treatment and landscaping shall be carried out in accordance with the agreed scheme.

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

6. Details of the site entrance, shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of traffic safety.

7. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall enter into water and/or waste water connection agreement(s) with Irish Water.

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

8. 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.

9. Ducting shall be provided for both of the in curtilage car parking spaces, facilitating the installation of EV charging points.

**Reason**: To provide for and/or future proof the development such as would facilitate the use of Electric Vehicles

10. 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. All existing over ground cables shall be relocated underground as part of the site development works.

Reason: In the interests of visual and residential amenity.

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 noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

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

12. 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.

13. 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

**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.

**Board Member** 

Date: 16/03/2020

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