

**Board Direction BD-008646-21 ABP-308588-20** 

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 02/07/2021.

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 town centre zoning objective for the site and the pattern of development in the area, it is considered that, subject to compliance with conditions below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity, would not be prejudicial to public health 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 on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020, 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.

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3. 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.

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

Reason: In the interest of environmental protection and public health.

- 5. Prior to the commencement of development, details of the following shall be submitted for the written agreement of the Planning Authority:
  - (a) Details of the materials, colours, and textures of all the external finishes to the buildings permitted in the development.
  - (b) Details of the angled windows and screens to the first floor level of the north west facing elevation of the nursing home block.

Reason: In the interest of visual and residential amenity.

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6. Prior to the commencement of development, details of the location of, and pedestrian connections to, all site accesses, both pedestrian and vehicular, shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority. The internal road network serving the proposed development including turning bays, junctions, parking areas, footpaths, and kerbs, shall comply with the requirements of DMURS.

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

 All service cables associated with the proposed development shall be located underground.

Reason: In the interests of visual and residential amenity.

8. 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.

- 9. (a) The communal open spaces, including hard and soft landscaping, car parking areas and access ways, communal refuse/bin storage and all areas not intended to be taken in charge by the local authority, shall be maintained by a legally constituted management company
  - (b) Details of the management company contract, and drawings/particulars describing the parts of the development for which the company would have responsibility, shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority before any of the residential units are made available for occupation.

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

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10. A plan containing details for the management of waste and 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.

- 11. The site, including the area at the northern end of the development which is proposed to be separated from the main part of the site by a wall and railing, shall be landscaped in accordance with a comprehensive scheme of landscaping, details of which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This scheme shall include the following:
  - (a) A plan to scale of not less than 1:500 showing -
    - (i) The species, variety, number, size and locations of all proposed trees and shrubs,
    - (ii) Details of roadside/street planting [which shall not include prunus species]
    - (iii) Hard landscaping works, specifying surfacing materials, furniture [play equipment] and finished levels.
  - (b) Specifications for mounding, levelling, cultivation, and other operations associated with plant and grass establishment
  - (c) A timescale for implementation

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 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 interests of residential and visual amenity.

- 12. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0700 to 1900 Mondays to Fridays inclusive, between 0700 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 facilitate the archaeological appraisal of the site and shall provide for the preservation, recording and protection of archaeological materials or features which 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 relating to the proposed development, and
  - (b) employ a suitably-qualified archaeologist prior to the commencement of development. The archaeologist shall assess the site and monitor all site development works.

The assessment shall address the following issues:

- (i) the nature and location of archaeological material on the site, and
- (ii) the impact of the proposed development on such archaeological material.

A report, containing the results of the assessment, shall be submitted to the planning authority and, arising from this assessment, the developer shall agree in writing with the planning authority details regarding any further archaeological requirements including, if necessary, archaeological excavation prior to commencement of construction works.

In default of agreement on any of these requirements, the matter shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

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

14. 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.

**Board Member** 

Date: 02/07/2021

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