



**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

**Board Direction**

**BD-008471-21**

**ABP-308653-20**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 08/06/2021.

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 provisions of Objective 13 of the National Planning Framework, the Portlaoise Local Area Plan 2018-2023 and the zoning of the site for residential purposes, to the location of the site in an established urban area within walking distance of Portlaoise town centre and to the nature, form, scale, density and design 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 residential or visual amenities of the area. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

### **Conditions**

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| 1. | The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application submitted on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> of December 2019 as amended by the further plans and particulars submitted to 11 <sup>th</sup> of June 2020, and further clarification on 21 <sup>st</sup> of September 2020 |
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|    | <p>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.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> In the interest of clarity.</p>  |
| 2. | <p>The permission is for 34 No. dwelling houses and 16 No. apartments as per Drawing No. 18.147.102 Revision PL03: a total number of 50 No. Dwelling Units.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> In the interests of residential amenity and clarity.</p>   |
| 3. | <p>Prior to the commencement of any house in the development as permitted, the applicant or any person with an interest in the land shall enter into an agreement with the planning authority (such agreement must specify the number and location of each house), pursuant to Section 47 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, that restricts all houses permitted, to first occupation by individual purchasers i.e. those not being a corporate entity, and/or by those eligible for the occupation of social and/or affordable housing, including cost rental housing.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To restrict new housing development to use by persons of a particular class or description in order to ensure an adequate choice and supply of housing, including affordable housing, in the common good.</p> |
| 4. | <p>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.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> In the interests of visual amenity</p>  |



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| 5. | <p>a) The internal road network serving the proposed development, including turning bays, junctions, parking areas, footpaths and kerbs, shall be in accordance with the detailed standards of the Planning Authority for such works.</p> <p>b) A Stage 3 Road Safety Audit in relation to all road works including the junction with the public road, shall be prepared and submitted for the written agreement of the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of development. Any necessary revisions to comply with the Stage 2 recommendations and/ or additions shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> In the interest of amenity and of traffic and pedestrian safety.</p> |
| 6. | <p>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.</p> <p><b>Reason :</b> In the interest of pedestrian safety</p>  |
| 7. | <p>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 dwelling unit.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> In the interests of amenity and public safety</p>  |
| 8. | <p>A minimum of 10% of all communal car parking spaces shall be provided with functioning EV charging stations/points, and ducting shall be provided for all remaining car parking spaces, to facilitate the installation of EV charging points/stations at a later date. Such proposals shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority before the making available by the developer for occupation of the residential units in the proposed development.</p>   |



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|     | <p><b>Reason:</b> To provide for and/or future proof the development such as would facilitate the use of electric vehicles.</p>  |
| 9.  | <p>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.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> In the interest of urban legibility and to ensure the use of locally appropriate place names for new residential areas.</p> |
| 10. | <p>Drainage arrangements, including the disposal of surface water, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services. Full details of all surface water disposal, surface water management and all necessary legal entitlements to carry out works to adequately service the proposed development shall be agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> In the interest of public health.</p>  |
| 11. | <p>Standard Irish Water</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> In the interest of public health</p>   |
| 12. | <p>To ensure full implementation of the proposed landscape plan, the developer is required to retain the services of a Landscape Consultant throughout the life of the site development works. A completion certificate shall be signed off by the Landscape Consultant when all works are completed and in line with the submitted landscape drawings. This completion certificate shall be submitted to the planning authority for written agreement upon completion of works.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> In the interest of amenity.</p>   |



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| 13. | <p>Vegetation clearance and any necessary tree removal shall take place outside the bird breeding season (March 1st – August 31st).</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To protect birds and bird breeding habitats during the nesting season.</p>  |
| 14. | PA c 18   |
| 15. | <p>Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0700 to 1900 Mondays to Fridays inclusive, between the hours of 0800 to 1400 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.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> In order to safeguard the amenities of property in the vicinity</p>   |
| 16. | <p>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, noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> In the interests of public safety and residential amenity.</p>  |
| 17. | <p>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.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> In the interest of sustainable waste management.</p> |



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| 18. | <p>All necessary measures shall be taken by the contractor to prevent the spillage or deposit of clay, rubble or other debris on adjoining roads during the course of the works.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To protect the amenities of the area.</p>   |
| 19. | <p>(a) All areas not intended to be taken in charge by the local authority, shall be maintained by a legally constituted management company.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To provide for the satisfactory future maintenance of this development in the interest of residential amenity.</p>  |
| 20. | <p>All service cables associated with the proposed development (such as electrical, communal television, telephone and public lighting cables) shall be run underground within the site.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> In the interest of orderly development and the visual amenities of the area.</p>  |
| 21. | <p>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.</p> |



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|     | <p><b>Reason:</b> 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.</p>   |
| 22. | <p>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, 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 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.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> To ensure the satisfactory completion of the development.</p>   |
| 23. | <p>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.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> 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</p> |



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