

Board Direction
BD-008860-21
ABP-309579-21

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

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 design and scale of the proposed development, the zoning objective for the site and the pattern of development in the area, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, that the proposed residential development would comply with Cork City Development Plan 2015 – 2021 and with national and regional planning policy. The proposed development would not seriously injure the visual and residential amenities of the area would afford a satisfactory standard of amenity to future residents and would be acceptable in terms of pedestrian and traffic safety and convenience, The proposal would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

## Conditions

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 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 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.

- 2. The proposed development shall be amended as follows:
  - (a) Privacy screens shall be installed along the north-eastern side to the balcony to proposed residential unit No. 6 and the south-western side to the balcony to proposed residential unit no. 16.
  - (b) Footpath connections shall be provided to the public footpath on the nearside of Ballyhooly New Road, i.e. one to the east and one to the west of the proposed vehicular access to the site.
  - (c) An investigation shall be carried out of an open well that may exist in the south-eastern corner of the site. If confirmed, details of its decommissioning to be provided.
  - (d) A car park management protocol shall be developed for the proposed development.

Revised drawings and documentation 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, the promotion of sustainable modes of transport, and the efficient use of the car park.

- Standard service cables
- 4. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed residential blocks and the hard surfaces comprised in the development 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. 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.

6. Drainage arrangements, including surface water drainage, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

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 dwelling.

Reason: In the interests of amenity and public safety.

- 8. Standard EV ducting
- 9. Proposals for an estate/street name, dwelling 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. No advertisements/marketing signage relating to the name(s) of the development shall be erected until the developer has obtained the planning authority's written agreement to the proposed name(s).

Reason: In the interest of urban legibility.

10. (a) Prior to commencement of development, all trees, groups of trees, hedging and shrubs which are to be retained shall be enclosed within stout fences not less than 1.5 metres in height. This protective fencing shall enclose an area covered by the crown spread of the branches, or at minimum a radius of two metres from the trunk of the tree or the centre of the shrub, and to a distance of two metres on each side of the hedge for its full length and shall be maintained until the development has been completed.

(b) No construction equipment, machinery or materials shall be brought onto the site for the purpose of the development until all the trees which are to be retained have been protected by this fencing. No work shall be carried out within the area enclosed by the fencing and, in particular, there shall be no parking of vehicles, placing of site huts, storage compounds or topsoil heaps, storage of oil, chemicals or other substances, and no lighting of fires, over the root spread of any tree to be retained.

**Reason:** To protect trees and planting during the construction period in the interest of visual amenity.

11. The landscaping scheme shown on Drawing no. 20395-2-101, as submitted to the planning authority on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 2020 shall be carried out within the first planting season following substantial completion of external construction works.

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.

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13. 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 details of construction traffic management, noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

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

14. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0700 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.

- 15. (a) Stage 3 and Stage 4 Road Safety Audits to be undertaken of the proposed access arrangements to the site. Any recommendations shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with, the planning authority.
  - (b) Details of the raised table top surface to the vehicular access submitted to and agreed in writing with, the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of traffic safety.

16. Prior to the commencement of any duplex unit 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 duplex unit), pursuant to Section 47 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, that restricts all duplex units 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.

**Reason:** 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.

17. 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.

18. S 48 unspecified

**Board Member** 

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