

Board Direction BD-008881-21 ABP-310104-21

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 11/08/2021.

The Board decided to refuse permission, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations

1. Having regard to the proposed quantum and resulting form of development, in particular the enclosed nature of the scheme layout and height on this restricted site, it is considered that the proposed development would result in a substandard quality of communal open space and an inadequate range and extent of resident support facilities and amenities serving the entire development. Furthermore, substandard bicycle parking facilities have been provided, in particular with regard to accessibility for all residents and the quantum provided for visitors, and the residential amenity of some individual apartments is deficient in relation to private amenity space and daylight availability. In the absence of suitable alternative proposals to compensate for design deficiencies in the proposed units and the scheme as a whole, the Board considers that the proposed development would result in a substandard level of residential amenity for the future occupants of the proposed development. In addition, the Board is not satisfied that the proposed development would provide a satisfactory interface with the adjoining site to the north-west in terms of proximity to the site boundary and sunlight and daylight impact, and that it would not prejudice the development potential of that site. The

proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

2. The proposed development would materially contravene the height and density provisions of the Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan 2016-2022, including the Sandyford Urban Framework Plan. The Board is not satisfied that a material contravention of the Development Plan is justified in this instance, in that the proposed development fails to meet the criteria set out in Section 3.2 and Specific Planning Policy Requirement 3 of the Urban Development and Building Height Guidelines for Planning Authorities. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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