

**Board Direction BD-009710-21 ABP-311185-21** 

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 21/12/2021.

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.

## 1.0 Reasons and Considerations

1.1.1. Having regard to the provisions of the Westmeath County Development Plan 2021-2027, the predominantly 'Mixed Use' zoning of the site, the pattern of development in the area, and the layout 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 visual or residential amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity, and would be acceptable in terms of pedestrian and traffic safety and convenience. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

## 2.0 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2021, 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

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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. This permission relates to the construction of 10 no. two-bedroom terraced houses, 2 no. two bedroom semi-detached houses, 2 no. one bedroom duplex units, 1 no. two bedroom duplex unit, 3 no. commercial units and a multi-purpose community building, in accordance with the revised plans and particulars submitted to Planning Authority on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2021.

Reason: In the interest of clarity

 Water supply and drainage arrangements, including the 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.

4. The applicant or developer shall enter into water and/or wastewater connection agreement(s) with Irish Water prior to the commencement of this development.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

5. The first-floor window on the northern elevation of Unit 17 shall be glazed with obscure glass.

Reason: To prevent overlooking of adjoining residential property.

6. Details of all boundary treatments shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the Planning Authority prior to commencement of development.

The wall along the northern boundary, forward of the front building line of neighbouring dwelling No. 2 Kilskyre Road shall comprise a 1m high wall, capped and rendered on both sides.

Reason: In the interests of visual and residential amenity.

7. The site access arrangements and the internal road network serving the proposed development, including turning bays, junctions, parking areas, footpaths and kerbs, shall be in accordance with the detailed requirements of the planning authority for such works. All residential parking spaces shall be constructed so as to be capable of accommodating future electric vehicle charging points with a minimum 10% of spaces to be fitted with functional electric vehicle charging points.

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

- 8. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed 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.
- 9. A comprehensive 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 street furniture, including bollards, lighting fixtures and seating;

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

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

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 crossing or bounding the site shall be relocated

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underground as part of the site development works, at the developer's expense.

Reason: In the interests of visual and residential amenity.

11. Proposals for the development name and numbering scheme and associated signage shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Thereafter, signs and numbers, shall be provided in accordance with the agreed scheme. 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.

**Reason:** In the interest of urban legibility, and to ensure the use of locally appropriate place names for new residential areas.

12. Details of all external shopfronts and signage shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of the amenities of the area/visual amenity.

13. 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.

Reason: To protect the amenities of the area.

14. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0700 and 1900 from Mondays to Fridays inclusive, between 0800 and 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. 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 hours of working, noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

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

16. Detailed measures in relation to the protection of bats shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority, prior to commencement of development. These measures shall be implemented as part of the development.

Reason: In the interest of wildlife protection.

17. 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 unit.

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

18. 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.

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**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 for the area.

19. 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, 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.

Reason: To ensure the satisfactory completion of the development.

20. 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.

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Standard ABP Conditions relating to Bulk Purchase of units and management Company.

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