

Board Direction BD-012559-23 ABP-312454-22

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 15/06/2023.

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 the Wexford County Development Plan 2022-2028, the planning history of the site, the location of the appeal site within and adjacent to an established residential estate, to the nature, scale, design and density of the proposed development, it is considered that, subject to compliance with conditions set out below, the proposed development would be acceptable in terms of pedestrian and traffic safety and would not seriously injure the residential or visual amenities of the area or property in the vicinity. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

## 1.0 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 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 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.

Details (including samples) 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 interests of visual amenity and streetscape.

- 3. A comprehensive boundary treatment and landscaping scheme shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority, prior to the commencement of development. This scheme shall include the following:
  - Details of proposed boundary treatments at the perimeter of the site, including heights, materials and finishes. The plan shall detail interface of the development with the existing laneway to the west.
  - Details of boundary treatments to the front of and in between the proposed residential units.

Reason: In the interest of visual and residential amenity.

 Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall submit the details of opening hours for the creche for written agreement with the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.

 The playground as illustrated on the application drawings shall be completed prior to the occupation of the creche or residential units.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.

a) Prior to the commencement of the development as permitted, the applicant or any person with an interest in the land shall enter into an

agreement with the planning authority pursuant to Section 47 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, that restricts any such residential units permitted (the number and location of each housing unit being specified in such agreement), pursuant to Section 47 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, that restricts all residential 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.

- b) An agreement pursuant to Section 47 shall be applicable for the period of duration of the planning permission, except where after not less than two years from the date of completion of each specified housing unit, it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the planning authority that it has not been possible to transact each residential unit for use by individual purchasers and/or to those eligible for the occupation of social and/or affordable housing, including cost rental housing.
- c) The determination of the planning authority as required in (b) shall be subject to receipt by the planning and housing authority of satisfactory documentary evidence from the applicant or any person with an interest in the land regarding the sales and marketing of the specified housing units, in which case the planning authority shall confirm in writing to the applicant or any person with an interest in the land that the Section 47 agreement has been terminated and that the requirement of this planning condition has been discharged in respect of each specified housing unit.

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.

7. 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

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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.

8. 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.

9. 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, including in-curtilage spaces, facilitating the installation of EV charging points/stations at a later date.

Reason: To provide for and/or future proof the development such as would facilitate the use of Electric Vehicles

10. Water supply and drainage arrangements, including the disposal of surface water from the site, shall be in accordance with the detailed requirements of the planning authority.

Reason: In the interests of public health.

11. The internal road network serving the proposed development, including turning bays, junctions, parking areas, footpaths and kerbs shall comply

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with the requirements of Wexford County Council and in all respects with the standards set out in the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS).

Reason: In the interests of pedestrian and traffic safety.

12. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall agree in writing with Wexford County Council works to resolve any existing infiltration issues within the overall housing scheme and a timeframe for completion of same.

Reason: In the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and to ensure the satisfactory completion of the development.

- 13. The applicant shall enter into water and wastewater connection agreements with Irish Water, prior to commencement of development.
  Reason: In the interest of public health.
- 14. 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.

Reason: In the interest of sustainable waste management.

15. The construction of 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. The plan shall provide a demolition management plan, together with details of intended construction practice for the development,

including a detailed traffic management plan, hours of working, and noise management measures.

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

16. 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.

Reason: In the interests of visual and residential amenity.

17. 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: 23/06/2023

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