

Board Direction BD-014520-23 ABP-312718-22

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 09/11/2023.

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 zoning of the site and the relevant provisions of the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Development Plan 2022-2028 including the Sandyford Urban Framework Plan and specific local objective 63 which seeks to improve, encourage and facilitate the provision and expansion of the Beacon campus; the rationale provided for the demolition of the existing hotel building in respect of the particular requirements to achieve the necessary floor-to-ceiling heights to facilitate the extension; the limited extended floor area; the pattern of development in the vicinity; the availability of public transport connections within the area; and availability of a cycle network in the area: it is considered that, subject to compliance with the attached conditions, the proposed development would not seriously injure the residential or visual amenities of the area, would not be prejudicial to public health, and would be acceptable in terms of traffic and pedestrian safety. 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, as amended by the further plans and particulars received by the planning authority on the 15th day of December 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 building (including signage) shall be
submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority, prior to
commencement of development.

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

3. All of the floor-to-ceiling glazing within the ground-floor waiting/seating area (addressing Blackthorn Drive) shall be in permanent clear glazing only.

Reason: To ensure the development contributes to active street frontage at this location, in the interest of visual amenity and safety.

4. All air-handling for any cooking areas within the first-floor café unit, shall be ducted within the building, to either basement or roof-level extractors.

Reason: To ensure that fumes from food preparation/cooking do not cause nuisance to residents of adjoining apartments.

5. 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.

6. Details of the legally-constituted management company contract, and drawings/particulars describing the parts of the development for which the legally-constituted management 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. The management scheme shall provide adequate measures for the future maintenance of public open spaces, roads and communal areas.

Reason: To provide for the satisfactory future maintenance of this development in the interest of residential amenity.

7. Any alterations to the public road shall be in accordance with the requirements of the planning authority and where required, all repairs to the public road and services shall be carried out to the satisfaction of the planning authority at the applicant's expense.

Reason: In the interests of clarity, public safety and amenity.

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8. Prior to the occupation of the development, a Mobility Management Plan/ Residential Travel Plan shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority. This shall provide for incentives to encourage the use of public transport, cycling, walking and car-pooling by residents/occupants/staff employed in the development and to reduce and regulate the extent of parking. The plan shall be prepared and implemented by the management company for all uses within the development.

Reason: In the interest of encouraging the use of sustainable modes of transport and reflecting the needs of pedestrians and cyclists.

 Drainage arrangements, including the attenuation and 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.

 Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall enter into water and wastewater connection agreements with Irish Water.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

11. 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 demolition and construction practice for the development, including noise/dust/vibration management measures and a public liaison plan.

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

12. 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.

13. No additional development, including lift-motor enclosures, air-handling equipment, storage tanks, ducts, solar arrays or other external plant, telecommunication aerials, antennae or equipment, shall take place outside of the identified roof plant areas on Drawing No. 1945-2209 Revision *, received with the application on 20th August 2021, unless authorised by a further grant of planning permission.

Reason: To protect the residential amenities of property in the vicinity and the visual amenities of the area.

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 provisions of the Waste Management Plan for the Region in which the site is situated.

Reason: In the interest of sustainable waste management.

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15. A plan containing details for the management of waste (including clinical waste) within the development, including the provision of facilities for the storage, separation and collection of the waste and, in particular, recyclable materials and for the ongoing operation of these facilities shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Thereafter, the waste shall be managed in accordance with the agreed plan.

Reason: To provide for the appropriate management of waste and, in particular recyclable materials, in the interest of protecting the environment.

16. 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. The contribution shall be paid prior to the 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 the Board to determine the proper application of the terms of the Scheme.

Reason: It is a requirement of the Planning and Development Act 2000 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.

17. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall lodge with the planning authority a cash deposit, a bond of an insurance company or such other security as may be accepted in writing by the planning authority, to secure the provision and satisfactory completion of footpaths and drains.

coupled with an agreement empowering the planning authority to apply such security, or part thereof, to the satisfactory completion or maintenance of any works on Drummartin Link Road or Blackthorn Drive. The form and the 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 works on the public road network, in the interest of traffic and pedestrian safety.

Note

The Board noted the Inspectors reference to the attachment of a Section 49 supplementary contribution for the Luas Line B1 and noted that while there was reference to the matter in the body of the report of the Planning Officer that it was not included as a specific condition in the Notification of Decision to Grant Permission which issued and therefore it was not included above.

Board Member

Date: 09/11/2023

