

Board Direction BD-014827-23 ABP-313786-22

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 05/12/2023.

WHEREAS the said appeal relates only to condition number 2 attached to the decision of the Building Control Authority

AND WHEREAS An Bord Pleanála is satisfied, having regard to the nature of the said conditions, that the determination by the Board of the relevant application as if it had been made to it in the first instance would not be warranted

NOW THEREFORE An Bord Pleanála, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 7 of the Building Control Act 1990 and by Article 40 (2) of the Building Control Regulations, 1997, and based on the reasons and considerations set out below, hereby directs the said authority to delete condition number 2.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the report and recommendation of the reporting Inspector the basis of design for the proposed duplex building is an acceptable alternative approach for the design of the maisonettes as per Section 1.1.2 of TGD-B 2006 (Reprint 2020), Department of Housing Planning and Local Government, Circular Letter BC02-2020 and Section 9.5.2 of BS 9991; 2015.

Therefore, as the Appellant has demonstrated that the proposed means of escape from the duplexes are in compliance with Clause c) of Section 9.5.2 of BS 9991:

2015 it is considered that Condition 2 should be removed from the granted Fire Safety Certificate.

Accordingly, the requirements of condition number two are not necessary in the case of the building that is the subject matter of the fire safety certificate to demonstrate compliance with Part B of the Second Schedule of the Building Regulations 1997, as amended.

Board Member Ull Mick Long

Date: 11/12/2023