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Pleanála

**Board Direction**  
**BD-014936-24**  
**ABP-313910-22**

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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 19/12/2023.

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 planning history of the site and to the Existing Residential zoning that applies under the Courtown and Riverchapel Local Area Plan 2016-2021 (as extended by the Wexford County Development Plan 2022-2028), together with the nature and scale of the proposed development and the pattern of development in the vicinity, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development, which is within the 50 km/h speed limit zone and within the built-up area, would not seriously injure the visual and residential amenities of the area, would not be prejudicial to public health, and would be generally acceptable in terms of pedestrian and traffic safety. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

## 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 received by An Bord Pleanála on the 24th day of June, 2022, 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.

2. The proposed development shall be amended as follows:-
  - (a) The most northerly unit of the terraced block of four units shall be omitted and the resulting units shall be moved to the North by three metres.
  - (b) The first-floor side windows on the end of terrace dwellings shall be obscure glazed.

Revised drawings showing compliance with these requirements shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

**Reason:** In the interests of the visual and residential amenities and to provide a greater separation distance and a better transition to the existing dormer bungalows to the North.

3. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed dwellings shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. The roof colour shall be blue-black or slate grey, including ridge tiles.

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

4. A comprehensive boundary treatment and 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;
  - (d) details of proposed boundary treatments at the perimeter of the site and the housing development area, including heights, materials and finishes.
  - (e) details of proposed children's play area and the open space part of the site.

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

**Reason:** In the interest of residential and visual amenity.

5. 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.

6. Each proposed house shall be used and occupied as a single dwelling unit for residential purposes and shall not be sub-divided or used for any commercial purpose (including short-term letting) without a separate planning permission.

**Reason:** In the interest of clarity and to ensure the maintenance of a residential community.

7. Water supply and 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 interests of public health.

8. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall enter into water and waste water connection agreements with Uisce Eireann.

**Reason:** In the interest of public health

- 9.(a) The roads and traffic arrangements serving the site (including road signage) and traffic calming at the entrance to Sunset Avenue, shall be in accordance with the detailed requirements of the planning authority for such works, and shall be carried out at the developer's expense.
- (b) The internal road network serving the proposed development including turning bays, footpaths and kerbs, shall comply with the requirements of the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets.

These works shall be agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

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

10. Proposals for a naming and numbering scheme for the proposed development shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Thereafter, all estate signs, and house numbers, shall be provided in accordance with the agreed scheme. The proposed name shall be based on local historical or topographical features, or other alternatives acceptable to the planning authority. 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 placenames for new residential areas.

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 construction practice for the development, including traffic management and noise and dust reduction measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

**Reason:** In the interest of public safety and residential amenity.

12. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0800 to 1900 Mondays to Fridays inclusive, between 0800 to 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. The development, including all roads, footpaths, verges, public lighting, open space, surface water drains, attenuation infrastructure and all other services, as permitted under this order, shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the "taking-in-charge" standards of the planning authority.

**Reason:** In the interest of proper development, and in order to comply with national policy in relation to the maintenance and management of residential estates.

14. 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.

15. 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 and maintenance until taken in charge by the local authority of roads, footpaths, watermains, drains, public open spaces 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 or maintenance 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 and maintenance of the development until taken in charge.

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, 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**

  
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**Date:** 02/01/2024