

**Board Direction BD-015682-24 ABP-314605-22** 

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 01/03/2024.

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 RS zoning of the site which seeks to provide for residential development while protecting and enhancing residential amenities, the provisions of the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 which seek to support infill development and the pattern of development in the area, it is considered that the proposed development would not seriously injure the amenities of property in the vicinity and would be acceptable in terms of traffic and pedestrian safety and visual amenity. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Having regard to the nature and scale of the proposed development, comprising the construction of one dwelling within an existing built up area served by public services, there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development. The need for environment impact assessment can, therefore, be excluded at preliminary examination and a screening determination is not required.

Having regard to the nature, scale and location of the proposed development which comprises the development of a dwelling within a built up area served by public

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services and the distance to the nearest European site, it is concluded that no Appropriate Assessment issues arise as the proposed development would not be likely to have a significant effect individually or in combination with other plans or projects on a European site.

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 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 developer shall enter into water and wastewater connection agreements with Uisce Éireann, prior to commencement of development and shall comply with the requirements of Uisce Eireann in respect of separation distances to foul sewer infrastructure.

Reason: In the interests of clarity and public health.

3. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed dwellings/buildings and boundaries shall be as submitted with the application, unless otherwise agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

4. 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 and surface water management.

5. The developer shall comply with the transportation requirements of the Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interest of road safety and orderly development.

6. The site shall be landscaped in accordance with a detailed scheme of landscaping, which shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Planning Authority prior to commencement of development. The scheme shall include provisions for hard and soft landscaping within the site, boundary treatments and includes measures for the protection of trees within and adjoining the site.

**Reason**: In order to ensure the satisfactory completion of the development.

7. All service cables associated with the proposed development (such as electrical, telecommunications and communal television) shall be located underground. The cables shall avoid roots of trees and hedgerows to be retained in the site. Ducting shall be provided by the developer to facilitate the provision of broadband infrastructure within the proposed development.

**Reason:** In the interest of orderly development.

8. A plan containing details for the management of waste within the development, including the provision of facilities for the storage, separation and collection of the waste and, in particular, recyclable materials 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.

9. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer or any agent acting on its behalf, shall prepare a Resource Waste Management Plan (RWMP) as set out in the EPA's Best Practice Guidelines for the Preparation of Resource and Waste Management Plans for Construction and Demolition Projects (2021) including demonstration of proposals to adhere to best practice and protocols. The RWMP shall include specific proposals as to how the RWMP will be measured and monitored for effectiveness; these details shall be placed on the file and retained as part of the public record. The RWMP must be submitted to the planning authority for written agreement prior to the commencement of development. All records (including for waste and all resources) pursuant to the agreed RWMP shall be made available for inspection at the site office at all times.

Reason: In the interest of sustainable waste management.

- 10. The construction of the development shall be managed in accordance with a Construction and Traffic 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:
- (a) Location of the site and materials compounds including areas identified for the storage of construction refuse; areas for construction site offices and staff facilities; site security fencing and hoardings; and car parking facilities for site workers during the course of construction;
- (b) The timing and routing of construction traffic to and from the construction site and associated directional signage, to include proposals to facilitate the delivery of abnormal loads to the site; measures to obviate queuing of construction traffic on the adjoining road network; and measures to prevent the spillage or deposit of clay, rubble or other debris on the public road network;
- (c) Details of the implementation of appropriate mitigation measures for noise, dust and vibration, and monitoring of such levels;
- (d) Means to ensure that surface water run-off is controlled such that no silt or other pollutants enter local surface water sewers or drains. The measures detailed in the

construction management plan shall have regard to guidance on the protection of fisheries during construction works prepared by Inland Fisheries Ireland.

A record of daily checks that the works are being undertaken in accordance with the Construction Management Plan shall be kept for inspection by the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of amenities, public health and safety.

11. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0800 to 1900 Mondays to Fridays inclusive, 0800 to 1400 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.

12. 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.

## Note

The Board noted the Inspectors recommended Condition 2(i) in respect of the set back of the rear elevation of the proposed dwelling by 4m at first floor level for the full width of the rear elevation. The Board did not share the Inspectors view in respect of the potential overbearing impact on the adjoining property to the east having regard to the revisions proposed to the development in the documentation received with the appeal which orientates the pitch of the structure away from No. 20, the limited length of the proposed elevation which extends beyond the rear boundary of No. 20 and the separation distance and boundary treatment between the proposed dwelling and No. 20. The Board also had regard to the absence of any windows on the proposed side elevation addressing the boundary with No. 20 and considered that the development as proposed would not significantly impact the residential amenities of No. 20 to the east of the appeal site.

**Board Member** 

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