

An  
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**Board Direction**  
**BD-019073-25**  
**ABP-321104-24**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 03/03/2025.

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 nature and scale of the proposed development, the pattern of development in the vicinity and the provisions of the Cork City Development Plan 2022 -2028 including Strategic Objective 01, Objective 11.1, Section 11.61, Section 11.139 as well as the 'Z1' zoning objective for the area, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the scale and nature of the development is acceptable. The proposed development would not have a significant adverse effect on the character of properties within the Blackrock Road Architectural Conservation Area or properties the vicinity that are listed on the NIAH, would not detract from the character of the area would not seriously injure the amenities of adjacent residential neighbourhoods or of the properties in the vicinity, would not have any significant impacts on existing mature trees subject to compliance with conditions set out below, and would be appropriate in terms of the utilisation of a vacant infill site. 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 plans and particulars submitted on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024 and further amended on the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 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. (a) An accurate tree survey of the site, which shall be carried out by an arborist or landscape architect, shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. The survey shall show the location of each tree on the site, together with the species, height, girth, crown spread and condition of each tree, distinguishing between those which it is proposed to be felled and those which it is proposed to be retained.
- (b) Prior to commencement of development, all trees, groups of trees, hedging and shrubs which are to be retained shall be enclosed within stout fences not less than 1.5 metres in height. This protective fencing shall enclose an area covered by the crown spread of the branches, or at minimum radius of two metres from the trunk of the tree or centre of the shrub, and to a distance of two metres on each side of the hedge for its full length, and shall be maintained until the development has been completed.
- (c) No construction equipment, machinery or materials shall be brought onto the site for the purpose of the development until all the trees which are to be retained have been protected by this fencing. No work shall be carried out within the area enclosed by the fencing and, in particular, there shall be no parking of vehicles, placing of site huts, storage compounds or topsoil heaps, storage of oil, chemicals or other substances, and no lighting of fires, over the root spread of any tree to be retained.



**Reason:** In the interest of visual amenity and to protect trees and planting during the construction period.

3. The site shall be landscaped in accordance with a comprehensive scheme of landscaping, details of which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This scheme shall include the following:

A plan to scale of not less than 1:500 showing –

- (i) Existing trees and shrubs specifying which are proposed for retention as features of the site landscaping
- (ii) The species, variety, number, size and locations of all proposed trees and shrubs which shall comprise predominantly native species such as mountain ash, birch, willow, sycamore, pine, oak, hawthorn, holly, hazel, beech or alder
- (iii) Details of boundary treatments, planting, tree and vegetation retention
- (iv) Hard landscaping works, specifying surfacing materials and finished levels

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

4. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed development, including obscure glazing to first floor bathroom, shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

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

5. Prior to commencement of works, the developer shall submit to, and agree in writing with the planning authority, a Construction Management Plan, which shall be adhered to during construction. This plan shall provide details of intended construction practice for the development, noise and dust management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

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

6. 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 interest of public health.

7. Prior to the commencement of development the developer shall enter into Connection Agreements with Uisce Éireann (Irish Water) to provide for a service connections to the public water supply and wastewater collection network.

**Reason:** In the interest of public health and to ensure adequate water/wastewater facilities.

8. The site development and construction works shall be carried out such a manner as to ensure that the adjoining streets are kept clear of debris, soil and other material and cleaning works shall be carried on the adjoining public roads by the developer and at the developer's expense on a daily basis.

**Reason:** To protect the residential amenities of properties in the vicinity.

9. The construction of the development shall be managed in accordance with a Construction Environment 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 the intended construction practice for the proposed development, including measures for the protection of existing residential development, traffic management during the construction phase, noise and dust management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

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

10. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0700 to 1900 Mondays to Friday inclusive, and 0800-1400 hours on Saturday 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.


11. 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.

12. The developer shall pay to the planning authority a financial contribution in respect of the Cork Suburban Rail Project in accordance with the terms of the Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme made by the planning authority under section 49 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 Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme made under section 49 of the Act be applied to the permission.

**Board Member**

  
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Emer Maughan

**Date:** 03/03/2025