

Direction CD-021420-25 ACP-323504-25

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 25/11/2025.

The Commission decided to grant permission generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations, and subject to the following conditions.

Planning

Commissioner:

Date: 27/11/2025

DRAFT WORDING FOR ORDER

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the residential conservation zoning objective, which provides for the protection and/or improvement of the amenities of residential conservation areas, the pattern of development in the area characterised by semi-detached and detached houses with front and back gardens and, the policy framework provided by the Development Plan 2022-2028, including urban consolidation policy objectives in specific Policy Objective QHSNO4 (densification of the suburbs), it is considered that the proposed development, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, would be in accordance with Section 15.13.3 (infill housing), would not have a

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significant adverse impact on the residential and visual amenity of adjoining residential properties, would be in accordance with Policy BHA9 (development in conservation areas) of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028, as the proposed house design would satisfy the enhancement criteria listed for development within a conservation area, including contemporary architectural design quality, would be in compliance with the provisions of the Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Growth Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2024) and would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, 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) Side facing windows at first floor level on the northern elevation (facing the rear of numbers 38 and 40 Rathdowne Park) shall be omitted.
 - (b) The first-floor bathroom at the north-western corner of the proposed dwelling shall be lit by a rear facing window with fully opaque glazing.
 - (c) The first-floor bathroom at the north-eastern corner of the proposed dwelling shall be lit by a front facing window to match the dimensions of the other two front facing first floor windows.
 - (d) The proposed stairwell shall be lit from above by a rooflight.

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 visual and residential amenity.

3. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity and to ensure an appropriate high standard of development.

4. Prior to the commencement of development, the applicant shall submit a

revised site plan for the written agreement of the planning authority to reduce

the width of the vehicular entrance to a maximum three metres and to omit one

of the two proposed in-curtilage front garden car parking spaces and to replace

the parking area with appropriate landscaping.

Reason: In order to clarify the scope of the permission and in compliance with

SPPR3 of the Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Growth

Guidelines.

5. Prior to the commencement of development the developer shall enter into

Connection Agreements with Uisce Éireann (Irish Water) to provide for service

connections to the public water supply and wastewater collection network.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

6. The surface water drainage arrangements shall comply with the requirements

of the planning authority for such services and works.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

7. 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 amenity.

8. The 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.

9. Notwithstanding the exempted development provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, and any statutory provision replacing or amending them, no development falling within Class 1 or Class 3 of Schedule 2, Part 1 of those Regulations shall take place within the rear garden area of the proposed dwelling without a prior grant of planning permission.

Reason: In order to ensure that a reasonable amount of rear garden space is retained for the benefit of the occupants of the extended dwelling. In the interest of the amenities of the area.

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10. 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 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 An Coimisiún 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.