# An Bord Pleanála



# PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2015

# Fingal County

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**APPEAL** by Ann and Michael McNamee of "An Sean Tí", Drynam Road, Swords, County Dublin and by Organon Ireland Limited/MSD Swords care of J. and C. Design of Unit 2 Old Quay, Strand Road, Sutton, Dublin against the decision made on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015 by Fingal County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Shannon Homes (Drogheda) Limited care of DDA Architects of 62 Brighton Square, Dublin in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** A residential development comprising the construction of 19 number dwellings consisting of a mix of houses and duplex apartments ranging from single storey with developed roof space to two-storey to three-storey buildings in semi-detached and terraced format. The development also includes the demolition of a semi-detached dwelling (number 5 Drynam Road) and construction of new semi-detached dwelling on substantially the same footprint as Number 5 Drynam Road, all associated boundary treatments, foul and surface water drainage systems, landscaping and open space with new vehicular access from Drynam Road and all associated site development works, all at 4, 4a, 4b and 5 Drynam Road, Swords, County Dublin.

#### DECISION

GRANT permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the said plans and particulars based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the conditions set out below.

## MATTERS CONSIDERED

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard. Such matters included any submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.

## REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to the residential zoning of the site in the Fingal County Development Plan 2011 – 2017, the nature and scale and high quality design of the proposed development, the established character and pattern of development in the vicinity of the site and the proximity of the site to public transport facilities, the Board considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the amenities of the area, would not be prejudicial to public health and would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to refuse permission, the Board had regard to the established character and pattern of development in the vicinity of the site and the configuration of development on adjoining lands. The Board considered that the proposed development would not result in overlooking or overshadowing of adjoining dwellings to an unacceptable degree. Furthermore, the Board considered that the design of the proposed entrance to the site complied with the requirements of The Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets issued by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in March, 2013 and that the proposed development was acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience.

## 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 submitted on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, 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. This decision permits 18 number dwellings only consisting of 10 houses and eight duplex/apartment units.

**Reason:** In the interest of clarity.

3. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall submit to, and agree in writing with, the planning authority, revised floor plans for the two-storey units demonstrating that all bedrooms are in compliance with the requirements of the planning authority for such units.

**Reason:** In order to ensure a satisfactory standard of development.

4. All works involving the removal of number 5 Drynam Road shall be carried out in a manner such that there is no loss of structural integrity to the adjoining residential unit. All works shall be carried out by a competent and licensed contractor. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall submit to, and agree in writing with, the planning authority a construction management plan which shall detail all demolition and reinstatement works to the common boundary proposed.

**Reason:** In order to ensure the protection of adjoining properties.

5. 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.

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

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

7. 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 hours of working, noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

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

8. Public lighting shall be provided in accordance with a scheme, which shall include lighting along pedestrian routes through open spaces details of which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Such lighting shall be provided prior to the making available for occupation of any house/apartment.

Reason: In the interests of amenity and public safety.

9. 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.

10. Prior to commencement of development, proposals for a name and numbering scheme and associated signage shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing, with the planning authority.

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

11. 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.

All planting shall be adequately protected from damage until established. Any plants which die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased, within a period of five years from the completion of the development shall be replaced within the next planting season with others of similar size and species, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the planning authority.

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

12. A plan containing details for the management of waste (and, in particular, recyclable materials) within the development, including the provision of facilities for the storage, separation and collection of the waste and, in particular, recyclable materials and for the ongoing operation of these facilities 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.

13. 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 social and affordable housing in accordance with the requirements of section 96 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 97(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 for the area.

14. 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 space 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 development of determination.

**Reason:** To ensure the satisfactory completion and maintenance of the development until taken in charge.

15. 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.

16. The developer shall pay to the planning authority a financial contribution as a special contribution under section 48(2) (c) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, in lieu of open space provision towards the cost of amenity works in the area of the proposed development. The amount of the contribution 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 for determination. The contribution shall be paid prior to commencement of development or in such phased payments as the planning authority may facilitate and shall be updated at the time of payment in accordance with changes in the Wholesale Price Index – Building and Construction (Capital Goods), published by the Central Statistics Office.

**Reason:** It is considered reasonable that the developer should contribute towards the specific exceptional costs which are incurred by the planning authority which are not covered in the Development Contribution Scheme and which will benefit the proposed development.

17. The developer shall pay to the planning authority a financial contribution in respect of Metro North 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

Member of An Bord Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Board.

Dated this day of 2016.