# An Bord Pleanála



#### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2015

## **Fingal County**

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**APPEAL** by Siobhan and Gerard Boylan care of Rankin Associates of Unit 12, BEaT Centre, Stephenstown Industrial Estate, Balbriggan, County Dublin against the decision made on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2015 by Fingal County Council to refuse permission.

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** Construct a new boundary wall with railings on top and ancillary works surrounding an area which is located within Skerries Architectural Conservation Area to the front of 76 Strand Street, Skerries, County Dublin.

#### DECISION

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development based on the reasons and considerations 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**

The site of the proposed development is located in the historic core of Skerries which has been designated as an Architectural Conservation Area under the current Fingal Development Plan 2011-2017 with a stated Objective (AH17) to "Ensure that any new development or alteration of a building within or adjoining an Architectural Conservation Area positively enhances the character of the area and is appropriate in terms of the proposed design, including: scale, mass, height, proportions, density, layout, materials, plot ratio and building lines". It is considered that the singular enclosure proposed along the streetscape at this location, where there are a series of steps, would detract from the visual character of the street and in the absence of a coordinated and comprehensive plan for the future development of the terrace, would adversely affect the Architectural Conservation Area for Skerries. Accordingly it is considered that the proposed development would be in conflict with Objective (AH17) and would be contrary to proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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

Dated this day of 2016.

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