An Bord Pleanála



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2016

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County

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APPEAL by Castle Park School Limited care of Simon Clear and Associates of 3 Terenure Road West, Terenure, Dublin against the decision made on the 29th day of July, 2016 by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Castle Park School Limited.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Development comprising an overflow car park (34 spaces) with permeable grass paving and ancillary lighting and landscaping, on a site of 0.167 hectares accessed off the main avenue. The proposed car park is located within the curtilage of a Protected Structure at Castle Park School, Castlepark Road, Dalkey, County Dublin.

DECISION

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

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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 proposed development is at a prominent location on the avenue approaching Castle Park School, a protected structure. The relationship between the protected structure and its avenue forms an important element of the character of the protected structure and its curtilage and setting. It is considered that the proposed development would detract from the character and setting of the protected structure by interrupting the formal historical relationship between the avenue and Castle Park School. It is therefore considered that the proposed development has not been adequately justified in the absence of an overall plan for the management of traffic at the school to minimise the requirement for parking, and in the absence of consideration of the overall parking scheme at the school, which appears not to have been constructed in accordance with its permissions, particularly with regard to the hard paving and parking immediately in front of the protected structure.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation and in deciding not to exercise its powers under Section 139 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, the Board formed the view that a more considered approach to the overall demand for car parking at the school would be required in light of the adverse effects of the proposed development on the character and setting of the protected structure at this prominent location.

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

Dated this day of 2017.

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