

Board Order PL 29N.248713

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2017 Planning Authority: Dublin City Council Planning Register Reference Number: 3634/16

Appeal by Core Estate Management care of O'Neill Town Planning of Oakdene, Howth Road, Howth, County Dublin and by Grange Abbey Residents Association of 82 Grange Abbey Crescent, Dublin against the decision made on the 23rd day of May, 2017 by Dublin City Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Gannon Properties care of Conroy Crowe Kelly Architects and Urban Designers of 65 Merrion Square, Dublin in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Construction of 28 one bedroom, 97 two bedroom and 14 number three bedroom apartments with ancillary common facilities including meeting rooms, gym, cycle park, concierge, entrance courtyard and roof gardens; five number retail units (circa 427 square metres total); and with 139 number carspaces and ancillary engineering facilities at basement level; ESB Substation and provision for antennae at top roof level. All comprised in a building ranging in height from 6 to 16 floors accessed from Station Square, Station Hill and Dargan Lane, with parking access of existing Block 16 down ramp from Dargan Lane, all at Block 17, Station Square, Clongriffin, 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 nature and scale of the proposed development, to the zoning of the site in question and its location within a key district centre and a Strategic Development and Regeneration Area in the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022, the proximity of public transport facilities, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the visual or residential amenities of the area, would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience and would be in accordance with the provisions of both the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 and the Clongriffin-Belmayne Local Area Plan 2012-2018. 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 further plans and particulars submitted on the 26th day of April 2017, 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. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed buildings shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of the visual amenities of the area.

3. 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.

- 4. The proposed shopfronts shall be in accordance with the following requirements: -
 - (a) signs shall be restricted to a single fascia sign using sign writing or comprising either hand-painted lettering or individually mounted lettering,

- (b) lighting shall be by means of concealed neon tubing or by rear illumination,
- no awnings, canopies or projecting signs or other signs shall be erected on the premises without a prior grant of planning permission,
- (d) external roller shutter shall not be erected and any internal shutter shall be only of the perforated type, coloured to match the shopfront colour, and
- (e) no adhesive material shall be affixed to the windows or the shopfront.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

- A comprehensive boundary treatment and landscaping scheme shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority, prior to commencement of development. This scheme shall include the following: -
 - details of all proposed hard surface finishes, including samples of proposed paving slabs/materials for footpaths, kerbing and road surfaces within the development,
 - (b) proposed locations of trees and other landscape planting in the development, including details of proposed species and settings,
 - (c) details of proposed street furniture, including bollards, lighting fixtures and seating, and
 - (d) details of proposed boundary treatments at the perimeter of the site, including heights, materials and finishes.

The boundary treatment and landscaping shall be carried out in accordance with the agreed scheme.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

- 6. The internal noise levels, when measured at the windows of the proposed development, shall not exceed:
 - (a) 35 dB(A) LAeq during the period 0700 to 2300 hours, and
 - (b) 30 dB(A) LAeq at any other time.

A scheme of noise mitigation measures, in order to achieve these levels, shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. The agreed measures shall be implemented before the proposed dwellings are made available for occupation.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.

- 7. The car parking facilities, hereby permitted, shall be reserved solely to serve the proposed development and shall provide for the following:
 - (a) A total of 139 number car parking spaces shall be reserved to serve the proposed residential units. At least one clearly identified car parking space shall be assigned permanently to each residential unit and shall be reserved solely for that purpose.
 - (b) A total of 10 number car parking spaces shall be reserved for persons with impaired mobility. The layout and design of such designated spaces shall be in accordance with the guidance set out in the document "Building for Everyone - a Universal Design Approach" published by the National Disability Authority.

Reason: To ensure that adequate parking spaces are permanently available to serve the proposed residential units and other commercial uses within the development.

8. No additional development shall take place above roof parapet level, including lift motor enclosures, air handling equipment, storage tanks, ducts or other external plant, telecommunication aerials, antennas or equipment, unless authorised by a further grant of planning permission.

Reason: To protect the residential amenities of property in the vicinity and the visual amenities of the area.

 Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall liaise with Irish Aviation Authority with regards to the potential requirement for an aviation warning beacon.

Reason: In the interests of public safety.

10. Proposals for a development name, office/commercial unit identification and numbering scheme and associated signage shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Thereafter, all such names and numbering shall be provided in accordance with the agreed scheme.

Reason: In the interest of urban legibility.

11. Comprehensive details of the proposed public lighting system to serve the development shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. The agreed lighting system shall be fully implemented and operational before the proposed development is made available for occupation.

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

12. 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.

13. The management and maintenance of the proposed development, following completion, shall be the responsibility of a legally constituted management company, which shall be established by the developer. A management scheme, providing adequate measures for the future maintenance of the development, including the external fabric of the buildings, internal common areas (residential and commercial), open spaces, landscaping, roads, paths, parking areas, public lighting, waste storage facilities and sanitary services, shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority before any of the residential or commercial units are made available for occupation.

Reason: To provide for the future maintenance of this private development in the interest of residential amenity and orderly development.

14. 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.

15. 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 housing in accordance with the requirements of section 94(4) and section 96(2) and (3) (Part V) 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 96(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 of the area.

16. Construction and demolition waste shall be managed in accordance with a construction waste and demolition management plan, which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This plan shall be prepared in accordance with the "Best Practice Guidelines on the Preparation of Waste Management Plans for Construction and Demolition Projects", published by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in July, 2006. The plan shall include details of waste to be generated during site clearance and construction phases, and details of the methods and locations to be employed for the prevention, minimisation, recovery and disposal of this material in accordance with the site is situated.

Reason: In the interest of sustainable waste management.

- 17. The developer shall facilitate the preservation, recording and protection of archaeological materials or features that may exist within the site. In this regard, the developer shall -
 - (a) notify the planning authority in writing at least four weeks prior to the commencement of any site operation (including hydrological and geotechnical investigations) relating to the proposed development,
 - (b) employ a suitably-qualified archaeologist who shall monitor all site investigations and other excavation works, and
 - (c) provide arrangements, acceptable to the planning authority, for the recording and for the removal of any archaeological material which the authority considers appropriate to remove.

In default of agreement on any of these requirements, the matter shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

Reason: In order to conserve the archaeological heritage of the site and to secure the preservation and protection of any remains that may exist within the site.

18. 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 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.

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

Dated this day of 2017