

Board Order PL 29S.249164

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2017

Planning Authority: Dublin City Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 3127/17

Appeal by Secretarial and Consultancy Services care of Scott Tallon Walker Architects of 19 Merrion Square, Dublin against the decision made on the 4th day of August, 2017 by Dublin City Council to refuse permission to the said Secretarial and Consultancy Services.

Proposed Development: Installation of external façade luminaires to the ground and first floors of two Protected Structure Georgian Houses located at number 19 and number 20 Merrion Square North. The façade luminaires are proposed to vertically illuminate the historic granite and brickwork façade, between the existing sash windows, all at 19 and 20 Merrion Square, Dublin.

Decision

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development in accordance with 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

Having regard to location of the site within the Z8 Georgian Conservation Area, the protected structure status of Numbers 19 and 20 Merrion Square North, and the adjoining terrace and pattern of development in the area, it is considered that the proposed development would, by virtue of the installation of these external façade luminaires to the ground and first floors of two Protected Structure Georgian Houses, lead to an inappropriate, non-essential form of intervention to the buildings. The proposed development would set an undesirable precedent and have a detrimental visual impact on the character of these structures and their wider setting within the Georgian Conservation Area, and would, therefore, be contrary to Policy CHC4 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022. The proposed development would adversely affect the character and setting of these protected structures and would, therefore, be contrary to the 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

2018

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