

Board Order PL 06D.249320

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2017

Planning Authority: Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: D17A/0606

Appeal by Kilmacud Partnership care of Stephen Little and Associates of 26/27 Upper Pembroke Street, Dublin against the decision made on the 30th day of August, 2017 by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Construction of 60 number residential units comprising the external and internal conservation, alteration, repair and refurbishment of the original Kilmacud House (Protected Structure), including the demolition of existing 1950's two-storey extension and miscellaneous outbuildings, new stair core extension to first floor level on the south elevation, new windows and doors to external elevations, remove and replace roof lights, internal subdivision, all to accommodate the provision of five number residential apartment and duplex units (two number two-bed apartment, one number two-bed duplex and two number three-bed apartment), the construction of two number new four-storey (set back at third floor) apartment buildings, accommodating 55 number apartment units (10 number one-bed, 34 number two-bed and 11 number three-bed) over a basement car park, all associated and ancillary conservation and site development, landscape and boundary works, including removal of existing roadside (eastern) boundary wall and entrance gates to Kilmacud House and replacement with new wall, railings and modified site entrance, new vehicular site entrance on eastern site boundary with

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access to new basement car park (78 number car parking spaces, 60 number bicycle spaces, bin storage, etc), five number car parking spaces, 40 no. bicycle spaces and bin storage at surface level, all at Kilmacud House (Protected Structure), Kilmacud Road Upper, County Dublin, generally bounded by institutional grounds (Carmelite Monastery) to the south and housing development (Woodthorpe and Convent Court) to the east and north respectively.

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 scale, height and design of the proposed apartment scheme and the provisions of the Dún Laoghaire County Development Plan 2016-2022, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would integrate in a satisfactory manner with the existing built development in the area, would not detract from the character or setting of Kilmacud House, a Protected Structure, and would adequately protect the residential amenity of adjacent properties and of properties within the scheme. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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Conditions

The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, and with the further plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 26th day of September, 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. Opaque glazing shall be used only for non-habitable rooms, with the exception of the incidental windows serving living areas on the southern elevation of Block A and which shall be fixed opaque glazed units.

Reason: In the interest of visual and residential amenity.

3. Details including samples 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 protecting the character of the area.

4. The site shall be landscaped in accordance with the recommendations from the Arboricultural Report received by the planning authority on the 6th day of July, 2017 and with the Landscape Plan and Planting Plan (drawing number 17-452-PD-01) and details submitted to the An Bord Pleanála on the 26th day of September, 2017. All landscaping shall be carried out within the first planting season following substantial completion of external construction works. 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.

5. 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. Any existing over ground cables shall be relocated underground as part of the site development works.

Reason: In the interests of visual and residential amenity.

6. 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.

7. Access arrangements shall comply with the detailed standards of the planning authority for such works.

Reason: In the interest of amenity and traffic safety.

8. Public lighting shall be provided in accordance with the scheme, details of which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to the commencement of development. Such lighting shall be provided prior to the making available for occupation of any apartment.

Reason: In the interests of amenity and public safety.

9. Proposals for building names and associated signage shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Thereafter, all building signs, shall be provided in accordance with the agreed scheme. No advertisements/marketing signs relating to the name of the development shall be erected until the developer has obtained the planning authority's written agreement to the proposed name.

Reason: In the interest of urban legibility.

10. (a) 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 for each apartment unit 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.

(b) This plan shall provide for screened communal bin stores, the locations and designs of which shall be included in the details to be submitted.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity, and to ensure the provision of adequate refuse storage.

- 11. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall provide for the following in relation to Kilmacud House: -
 - (a) The appointment of a conservation expert, who shall manage, monitor and implement works on the site and ensure adequate protection of the historic fabric during those works.
 - (b) All repair/restoration works shall be carried out in accordance with best conservation practice as detailed in the application and the Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht in October, 2011. The repair/restoration works shall retain the maximum amount possible of surviving historic fabric in-situ including structural elements, plasterwork and joinery and shall be designed to cause minimum interference to the building structure and/or fabric.

Reason: To ensure that the integrity of the historic structures is maintained and that the structures are protected from unnecessary damage or loss of fabric.

12. Prior to commencement of development, detailed structural drawings and a construction methodology statement for Kilmacud House (including the results of detailed structural surveys of the protected structure and all building facades to be retained) indicating the means proposed to ensure the protection of the structural stability and fabric of all these retained structures shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority. These details shall include demonstrating the methods proposed to part dismantle and re-instate the existing façade and to retain other existing facades as proposed, demolition and excavation arrangements, the proposed foundation system and underpinning, structural bracing and support and method of construction.

Reason: In the interest of preserving the architectural integrity and heritage value of the retained structures.

- 13. 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.

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14. 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.

15. All necessary measures shall be taken by the contactor to prevent the spillage or deposit of clay, rubble or other debris on adjoining roads during the course of the works.

Reason: To protect the amenities of the area.

16. The management and maintenance of the proposed development following its completion shall be the responsibility of a legally constituted management company. A management scheme providing adequate measures for the future maintenance of public open spaces, roads and communal areas shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

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

17. 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.

18. 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 of roads, footpaths, watermains, drains, 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 of any part of the development. The form and amount of the security shall be as agreed between the planning authority and the developer or, in default of agreement, shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

Reason: To ensure the satisfactory completion of the development.

19. 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.

20. The developer shall pay to the planning authority a financial contribution in respect of the extension of Luas Line B1 – Sandyford to Cherrywood 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.

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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 2018

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