



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2017

Planning Authority: Cork City Council

Application for permission under section 4 of the Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016, in accordance with plans and particulars, lodged with An Bord Pleanála on the 29th day of November 2017 by University College Cork care of McCutcheon Halley Chartered Planning Consultants, 6 Joyce House, Barrack Square, Ballincollig, County Cork.

Proposed Development:

The proposed development will consist of the construction of student accommodation at the former Crow's Nest site, at the junction of the Carrigrohane Road and Victoria Cross Road, Cork, and will comprise the following:

- (i) The demolition of the existing structures onsite (totalling 734 square meters), specifically the now derelict Crow's Nest public house and restaurant, 4 number two storey dwellings at 1-4 Victoria Terrace and the existing machinery shed and yard.
- (ii) The construction of a student accommodation complex with an overall gross floor area of 8,664.1 square meters comprising 4 number residential blocks above a single storey podium. The blocks vary in height from 8 to 10 floors above ground level. A fifth low level gateway block is included at the main entrance onto Victoria Cross. The complex will include 1 number 2 bed

apartment, 7 number 3 bed apartments and 58 number 4 bed apartments, providing a total of 255 number bedspaces that will be used for student/university related accommodation and ancillary student support facilities located at ground floor level including laundry, administration office and meeting room, common rooms, and communications rooms.

- (iii) The provision of a healthcare facility/wellness centre (totalling 462.4 square meters) at ground floor level, to include 7 number consulting rooms and various treatment rooms including nursing room and occupational therapy room. Ancillary support spaces are also provided including utility rooms, reception and waiting areas.
- (iv) The provision of a commercial/café units at ground floor level of 125.2 square metres in area.
- (v) The provision of 125 number bicycle parking spaces, plant room, switch room and sub-station, and a new vehicular entrance from the Carrigrohane Road which will serve as a service entrance and taxi drop-off point, and
- (vi) All ancillary works including landscaped areas comprising internal courtyards, a public open space at street level and a private open space at first floor podium level, foul and surface water sewers, works to the public footpath and all other associated site services, site infrastructure and site development works.

A 10-year permission is being sought.

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

In coming to its decision, the Board had regard to the following:

- (a) the site's location at Victoria Cross in close proximity to University College Cork;
- (b) the policies and objectives in the Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021;
- (c) the Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness;
- (d) the National Student Accommodation Strategy;
- (e) the nature, scale and design of the proposed development and the availability in the area of a wide range of social and transport infrastructure;
- (f) the pattern of existing and permitted development in the area;
- (g) the submissions and observations received, and
- (h) the report of the Inspector.

It is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below that the proposed development would not seriously injure the residential or visual amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity, would respect the existing character of the area and would be acceptable in terms of traffic and pedestrian safety and convenience. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Appropriate Assessment Screening:

The Board completed an Appropriate Assessment Screening exercise in relation to the potential effects of the proposed development on designated European Sites, taking into account the nature, scale and location of the proposed development within a zoned and serviced urban area, the Habitats Directive Screening Report submitted with the application and the Inspector's report and submissions on file. In completing the screening exercise, the Board adopted the report of the Inspector and concluded that, by itself or in combination with other development in the vicinity, the proposed development would not be likely to have a significant effect on any European Site in view of the sites' conservation objectives, and that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is not, therefore, required.

Environmental Impact Assessment Screening:

The Board completed an environmental impact assessment screening of the proposed development and considered that the environmental impact assessment screening report, supported by the documentation submitted by the applicant, identifies and describes adequately the direct, indirect, secondary and cumulative effects of the proposed development on the environment.

Conditions

1. The proposed development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, 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. In default of agreement, the matter(s) in dispute shall

be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. The proposed development shall be amended as follows:
 - (a) Screening shall be provided on the east facing windows on the eastern elevation of Block D as they correspond to the revised plans – First floor 01.022, 01.023, Second Floor 02.031, 02.032, Third Floor 03.031, 03.032, Fourth Floor – 04.031, 04.032, Fifth Floor - 05.031, 05.032, Sixth Floor - 06.031, 06.032, Seventh Floor - 07.031, 07.032, Eighth Floor - 08.021, 08.022, Ninth Floor - 09.011, 09.012.
 - (b) Block B shall be revised such that screening shall be provided on the windows of bedrooms and common rooms on the southern elevation from first floor and above.

Revised drawings showing compliance with these requirements shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of visual and residential amenity.

3. The proposed development hereby permitted shall only be occupied as student accommodation, in accordance with the definition of student accommodation provided under section 13(d) of the Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016, and shall not be used for any other purpose without a prior grant of planning permission for change of use.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity and to limit the scope of the proposed development to that for which the application was made.

4. Details and samples of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed development including pavement finishes 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.

5. 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.

6. (a) During the operational phase of the proposed development, the noise level arising from the development, as measured at the nearest dwelling shall not exceed:-
 - (i) An Leq,1h value of 55 dB(A) during the period 0800 to 2200 hours from Monday to Saturday inclusive.
 - (ii) An Leq,15 min value of 45 dB(A) at any other time. The noise at such time shall not contain a tonal component.
- (b) All sound measurement shall be carried out in accordance with ISO Recommendation 1996:2007: Acoustics - Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise.

Reason: To protect the residential amenities of property in the vicinity of the site.

7. 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. In addition, prior to commencement of development mitigation measures against the risk of flooding shall be agreed with the Planning Authority including measures to address egress of occupants from the building in the case of flooding of surrounding land.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

8.
 - (a) All foul sewage and soiled water shall be discharged to the public foul sewer.
 - (b) Only clean, uncontaminated storm water shall be discharged to the surface water drainage system.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

9. The following requirements of the planning authority in terms of traffic, transportation and mobility shall be incorporated and where required, revised drawings/reports showing compliance with these requirements shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.
 - (a) The design vehicular entrance shall be amended so that the materials proposed in the footpaths shall be continued across the vehicular access to clearly indicate pedestrian priority.
 - (b) A Mobility Management Plan which addresses all of the uses within the proposal and the term-time and out-of-term use of the accommodation shall be submitted to and agreed with the Planning Authority
 - (c) One disabled car parking space shall be provided within the proposed development.

- (d) Findings of the Stage 1/2 Road Safety Audit and the undertaking of a Stage 3/4 Road Safety Audit shall be agreed and discharged with the Planning Authority.
- (e) Public lighting and all external lighting shall be agreed with the Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interests of traffic, cyclist and pedestrian safety.

10. 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.

Reason: In the interest of sustainable waste management.

11. A plan containing details for the management of waste within the development, including the provision of facilities for the storage, separation and collection of the waste and, in particular, recyclable materials 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.

Reason: To provide for the appropriate management of waste and, in particular recyclable materials, in the interest of protecting the environment.

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 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.

14. A detailed construction traffic management plan shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. The plan shall include details of arrangements for routes for construction traffic, parking during the construction phase, the location of the compound for storage of plant and machinery and the location for storage of deliveries to the site.

Reason: In the interests of public safety and residential amenity.

15. 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.

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

Dated this day of 2018