An Bord Pleanála



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2017

Limerick City and County Council

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Appeal by Ballygrennan Homes Limited care of HRA Planning of 3 Hartstonge Street, Limerick against the decision made on the 7th day of November, 2017 by Limerick City and County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Construction of a development of nine detached, sixty four semi-detached and nine terraced two-storey houses and associated site works at Ballygrennan, Bruff, County Limerick, as amended by the further public notice received by the planning authority on the 10th day of July, 2017.

Decision

Having regard to the nature of the conditions the subject of the appeal, the Board is satisfied that the determination by the Board of the relevant application as if it had been made to it in the first instance would not be warranted and, based on the reasons and considerations set out below, directs the said Council under subsection (1) of section 139 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 to ATTACH condition number 2 and the reason therefor, to REMOVE condition number 35 and the reason therefor and to AMEND conditions numbers 5, 6 and 7 so that they read as follows: 5. The playground shall be constructed in accordance with the drawings and particulars submitted on the 10th day of July 2017, and at the developer's expense. These works shall be carried out and completed, to the written satisfaction of the planning authority, before any of the proposed houses are made available by the developer for occupation.

Reason: To provide for the amenity requirements of future occupants of the proposed residential estate.

6. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out and completed at least to the taking-in-charge standards required by the planning authority. Prior to commencement of any development on the site, the developer shall submit a drawing to the planning authority, for its written consent, identifying all lands to be taken in charge by the local authority. This shall include all of the open spaces and also the lands to be reserved for completion of the Distributor Road including associated footpaths and cycle paths to the eastern site boundary. Pending the future construction of the Distributor Road to the eastern site boundary, the lands concerned shall be planted with grass and maintained temporarily as open space by the developer until the estate is taken in charge by the planning authority. At the time of taking in charge, the open spaces and the lands for the Distributor Road shall be vested in the local authority as open space. In default of agreement this matter shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

Reason: To facilitate the completion of the Distributor Road, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Area Plan, and to ensure that the future construction of the Distributor Road by the local authority is facilitated by the reservation of these lands and their vesting upon taking in charge of the development.

7. The works to the R512 within the developer's landholding, comprising the removal and reinstatement of the roadside boundary wall, undergrounding of overhead cables, the installation of roadside footpath and installation of public lighting, shall be carried out at the developer's expense. These works shall be carried out and completed, to the written satisfaction of the planning authority, before any of the proposed houses are made available by the developer for occupation.

Reason: In the interest of pedestrian and traffic safety.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the nature, scale and location of the proposed residential development within a 50 kph speed limit zone, to the general adequacy of the regional road and to the provisions of the Development Contribution Scheme for Limerick County, it is considered that the works required by condition numbers 5, 6, 7 and 35, in respect of the upgrading of the regional road outside of the developer's landholding, of the provision of a car park to serve the nearby school, and to extend the Distributor Road, are not warranted as they are not necessary to facilitate or benefit the proposed development. However, it is considered that the playground is an integral part of the open space for the residential scheme hereby permitted and should be carried out at the developer's expense, without any reduction in the development contributions required under condition 2. Furthermore, it is considered that the works to the regional road within the developer's landholding, comprising the removal and reinstatement of the roadside boundary wall, the undergrounding of overhead cables, the installation of roadside footpath and installation of public lighting, are necessary for pedestrian and traffic safety and are specifically attributable to the residential scheme hereby permitted, and should be carried out at the developer's expense, without any reduction in the development contributions required under condition 2. Furthermore, the Board was satisfied that the financial contribution set out in condition number 2 was in accordance with the adopted development contribution scheme.

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.

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

Dated this day of

2018