

Board Order ABP-300660-18

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2018 Planning Authority: Fingal County Council Planning Register Reference Number: F17A/0274

Appeal by Jill and Thomas Kiernan of Skomer, Donabate, County Dublin and by Jude Coyle care of O'Neill Town Planning of Oakdene, 81B Howth Road, Howth, County Dublin against the decision made on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017 by Fingal County Council in relation to the application by the said Jude Coyle for permission for development comprising a residential development consisting of eleven residential units in four blocks as follows: (i) Block A consists of two number three-storey four bedroom townhouses (195 square metres) with outdoor terrace at the third floor and inbuilt garage at ground floor, and one three-storey four bedroom townhouse (211 square metres) with outdoor terrace at the third floor; (ii) Block B consists of three number three-storey four bedroom townhouses (195 square metres) with outdoor terrace at the third floor and inbuilt garage at ground floor, and one three-storey four bedroom townhouses (211 square metres); (iii) Block C consists of three number two-storey three bedroom townhouses (121 square metres) with two car parking spaces to the front and (iv) Block D consists of one detached two-storey three bedroom house with two car parking spaces to the front. Permission also sought for the demolition of the existing house on site, new site entrance onto Portrane Road, communal open space, internal roadway, footpaths and car parking spaces, hard and soft landscaping,

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attenuation area, solar panels on all houses, and all site works associated with the proposed development at Dunrovin, Portrane Road, Donabate, County Dublin as amended by the prevised public notice received by the planning authority on the 22nd day of November, 2017 in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council (which decision was to grant subject to conditions a permission for nine number residential units, access roadway from Portane Road, associated car parking, class 2 open space, boundary treatments including boundary treatments to Portrane Road and public footpath to the road edge and to refuse permission for the threestorey apartment block).

## 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 location and the zoning of the site, it is considered that the proposed development, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, would not seriously injure the character of the area or the amenities of property in the vicinity and would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience. 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 to the planning authority on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017, and the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 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.

 Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed dwellings and apartments shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

- (1) The boundary of the site to the rear of the of the proposed houses and to the sides of proposed houses numbers 1 and 9 shall comprise a 1.8 metre high capped and plastered wall.
  Details of additional boundary treatments at this location and boundary treatments elsewhere on the site shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to the commencement of development.
  - (2) Revised details of the design and location of the proposed communal bin store shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to the commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of visual and residential amenity.

4. The site shall be landscaped in accordance with a comprehensive scheme of landscaping, details of which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement

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of development. This scheme shall include the following:

(a) A plan to scale of not less than [1:500] showing -

(i) Existing trees and hedgerows, specifying which are proposed for retention as features of the site landscaping.

(ii) The measures to be put in place for the protection of these landscape features during the construction period.

(iii) The species, variety, number, size and locations of all proposed trees and shrubs.

(vi) Hard landscaping works, specifying surfacing materials, furniture and finished levels.

(b) Specifications for mounding, levelling, cultivation and other operations associated with plant and grass establishment.

(c) A timescale for implementation including details of phasing. 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 or until the development is taken in charge by the local authority, whichever is the sooner, 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. 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.

6. The internal road network serving the proposed development,

including turning bays, junctions, parking areas, footpaths and kerbs, shall be in accordance with the detailed standards of the planning authority for such works.

**Reason:** In the interests of amenity and of traffic and pedestrian safety.

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

Reason: In the interest of visual and residential amenity.

- 8. (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 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 for the apartment units and dwellings, the location and design 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.

(b) 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 construction hours, noise management measures, and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste including any excess soil arising from the proposed excavation of the site.

**Reason:** In the interest of public safety and residential amenity.

(c) 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

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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.

(d) 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 and maintenance until taken in charge by the local authority of roads, footpaths, watermains, drains, public 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 or maintenance 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 and maintenance of the development until taken in charge.

(e) 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 the 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.

(f) The developer shall pay to the planning authority a financial contribution in lieu of the public open space shortfall that arises based on the standards set out in Objectives DMS57 and Objective DMS57B of the Fingal County Development Plan 2017-2023 and 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.

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

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Dated this day of 2018.