

Board Order ABP-301533-18

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2018 Planning Authority: Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council Planning Register Reference Number: D17A/0590

**Appeal** by Liam and Tove O'Flanagan of 81a Monkstown Road, Monkstown, County Dublin and by others against the decision made on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018 by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Randalswood Construction Limited care of Downey Planning of 1 Westland Square, Pearse Street, Dublin in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

**Proposed Development:** Permission for a residential development consisting of the demolition of the existing nursing home and five number studio apartments and the construction of a total of 56 number residential units in two number apartment blocks (one number four storey block consisting of 16 number one beds, 12 number two beds and four number three beds; one number four storey block consisting of eight number one beds, 12 number two beds and four number three beds; and four number three beds), all with private terraces/balconies; a basement consisting of bin stores, plant rooms, 76 car parking spaces, 5 motorcycle spaces and 41 bicycle spaces; 5 visitor car spaces and 26 bicycle spaces at surface level; upgrade works to the existing road and footpath serving the development and all ancillary landscaping, boundary treatment,

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engineering and site development works necessary to facilitate the development, all at Richmond Cheshire Home, Richmond Park, Monkstown, County. Dublin.

## 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 provisions of the current Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Development Plan 2016-2022, to the existing use of the site, to the location of the site in an established residential area and its zoning for residential purposes and to the nature, form, scale, and design of the proposed development, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the residential or visual amenities of the area and 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018, and on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018 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 out in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. This permission is for 56 number apartments only.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

 An additional footpath and road markings shall be constructed adjacent to the existing footpath in accordance with drawing number PA-003 submitted to An Bord Pleanála on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018.

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

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

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

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5. Water supply and drainage arrangements, including the 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. Prior to commencement of development, proposals for a name and numbering scheme and associated signage shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of orderly development.

7. The developer shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority in relation to works on the public road and the developer shall submit a project traffic management plan for all stages of construction which shall be agreed in writing with the planning authority before excavation and construction commences. The plan shall detail access arrangements for labour, plant and materials and shall indicate the locations of plant and machine compound.

Reason: In the interest of traffic safety and orderly development.

8. 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.

9. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0700 and 1800 from Mondays to Fridays inclusive, between 0800 and 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.

10. The site development works and construction works shall be carried out in such a manner as to ensure that the adjoining streets are kept clear of debris, soil and other material and if the need arises for cleaning works to be carried out on the adjoining public roads, the said cleaning works shall be carried out at the developer's expense.

**Reason:** To ensure that the adjoining roadways are kept in a clean and safe condition during construction works in the interest of orderly development.

11. The management of waste during the construction and operational phases of the development, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services as appropriate.

**Reason:** In the interest of public health and to ensure a proper standard of development.

 12. (a) All mitigation measures in relation to biodiversity, outlined in the Ecological Impact Assessment Report, Heronry Mitigation Report, and Construction Environmental Management Report shall be implemented as part of the development.

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- (b) All measures proposed to reinforce the entrance avenue to the subject site under the heronry trees shall be extended over a sufficient length of the avenue to ensure protection of all heronry trees, namely Deodar Tree Number 23, Deodar Tree Number 24 and Monterey Cypress Tree Number 25.
- (c) At least six weeks prior to site clearance, a methodology and management plan for the excavation and pipework close to Tree Numbers 23, 24 and 25 shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority.

**Reason:** In the interest of biodiversity and to ensure full protection of existing heronry trees.

13. The construction of the development shall be managed in accordance with a Construction and Environmental 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. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall lodge with the planning authority a cash deposit, a bond of an insurance company or such other security as may be accepted in writing by the planning authority, to secure the protection of the trees on site and to make good any damage caused during the construction period, coupled with an agreement empowering the planning authority to apply such security, or part thereof, to the satisfactory protection of any tree or trees on the site or the replacement of any such trees which die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased within a period of one year from the substantial completion of the development with others of similar size and species. 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 secure the protection of the trees on the site.

15. 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 interests of visual and residential amenity.

16. 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.

17. The management and maintenance of the proposed development following its completion shall be the responsibility of a legally constituted management company, or by the local authority in the event of the development being taken in charge. Detailed proposals in this regard shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

**Reason:** To ensure the satisfactory completion and maintenance of this development.

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. The application of any indexation required by this condition 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.

**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.

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

Dated this day of 2019.