



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2018

Planning Authority: Galway City Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 17/382

Appeal by Katherine Craughwell of 4 Moneenageisha Cross, Galway against the decision made on the 25th day of October, 2018 by Galway City Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Oakway Developments care of Mulcaire Heffernan of Barna Village, County Galway in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

Proposed Development: Construction of (a) two-storey apartment block with two two-bed apartments and two three-bed apartments with an overall floor area of 381.76 square metres, (b) four-storey apartment block with two one-bed apartments and eight two-bed apartments with an overall floor area of 772.1 square metres, access road, car parking facilities, bin storage, bicycle stands, landscaping and connection to public sewer system and all associated site works at Moneenageisha Road, Galway. The proposed development was revised by further public notices received by the planning authority on the 24th day of August, 2018.

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 -

1. the National Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas, issued by the Department of Environment, Housing and Local Government in May 2009, and the accompanying Design Manual, the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS), and the Design Standards for New Apartments – Guidelines for Planning Authorities, issued by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in March, 2018,
2. the residential zoning (R) of the site, the site-specific zoning for the provision of a local centre and the policies and objectives of the Galway City Development Plan 2017-2023, and
3. the pattern of development in the area,

it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the amenities of the area or 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 on the 7th day of August, 2018 and the 3rd day of October 2018, and by the further plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 24th day of December 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 in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. Prior to commencement of development, plans and particulars for the exact line and configuration of the junction into the site from the access road shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority. The proposed road median restricting right hand turns into the development and the recommendations from the Road Safety Audit shall be completed prior to occupation of the residential units.

Reason: In the interest of traffic safety and to prevent the development of this area prior to its use for future road improvements.

3. No fans, louvres, ducts or other external plant other than those shown on the drawings hereby permitted shall be installed unless authorised by a prior grant of planning permission.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

4. A comprehensive boundary treatment and landscaping scheme shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority, prior to commencement of development. This scheme shall include the following: -

- (a) details of all proposed hard surface finishes to support the principle of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS), including samples of proposed paving slabs/materials for footpaths, kerbing and road surfaces within the development;
- (b) proposed locations of trees and other landscape planting in the development (semi-mature planting along the front of the site, south and around the communal amenity space), including details of proposed species and settings;
- (c) details of proposed playground equipment (minimum of one formal play facility adjoining the kick about area) and treatment of ground finish, street furniture including bollards, lighting fixtures and seating;
- (d) details of proposed boundary treatments at the perimeter of the site, including heights, materials and finishes;

The boundary treatment and landscaping shall be carried out in accordance with the agreed scheme.

Reason: In the interest of residential and visual amenity and in order to prevent surface water run-off.

5. Public lighting shall be provided in accordance with a scheme, which shall include lighting along pedestrian routes through open spaces and at the entrance into the site, details of which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Such lighting shall be provided prior to the making available for occupation of any unit.

Reason: In the interests of amenity and public safety

6. All retaining walls shall be designed and the construction supervised and certified by a suitably qualified bonded Structural Engineer. A copy of the structural certificate shall be submitted to the planning authority on completion.

Reason: In the interest of public safety and proper planning and sustainable development.

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 interests of visual and residential amenity.

8. There shall be no plant, ducting, water tanks, television aerials, satellite dishes or telephone receiving/transmission equipment placed above roof parapet level or on external walls, unless authorised by a further grant of planning permission, notwithstanding exempted planning and regulations.

Reason: In the interest of orderly development and the protection of visual amenities.

9. 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:
 - (a) Location of the site and materials compound(s) including areas identified for the storage of construction refuse;
 - (b) Location of areas for construction site offices and staff facilities;
 - (c) Details of site security fencing and hoardings;
 - (d) Details of on-site car parking facilities for site workers during the course of construction;
 - (e) Details of the timing and routing of construction traffic to and from the construction site and associated directional signage, to include proposals to facilitate the delivery of abnormal loads to the site;
 - (f) Measures to obviate queuing of construction traffic on the adjoining road network;

- (g) Measures to prevent the spillage or deposit of clay, rubble or other debris on the public road network;
- (h) Alternative arrangements to be put in place for pedestrians and vehicles in the case of the closure of any public road or footpath during the course of site development works
- (i) Details of appropriate mitigation measures for noise, dust and vibration, and monitoring of such levels;
- (j) Containment of all construction-related fuel and oil within specially constructed bunds to ensure that fuel spillages are fully contained. Such bunds shall be roofed to exclude rainwater;
- (k) Off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste and details of how it is proposed to manage excavated soil;
- (l) Means to ensure that surface water run-off is controlled such that no silt or other pollutants enter local surface water sewers or drains.

A record of daily checks that the works are being undertaken in accordance with the Construction Management Plan shall be kept for inspection by the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of amenities, public health and safety.

10. The management and maintenance of the proposed development, following completion, shall be the responsibility of a legally constituted management company, which shall be established by the developer. A management scheme, providing adequate measures for the future maintenance of the development; including the external fabric of the buildings, internal common areas, open spaces, landscaping, roads, paths, parking areas, public lighting, waste storage facilities and sanitary services, shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority, before any of the residential or commercial units are made available for occupation.

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

11. 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.

12. Proposals for an estate name, apartment numbering scheme and associated signage shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Thereafter, all estate signs, and apartment numbers, shall be provided in accordance with the agreed scheme. The proposed names shall be based on local historical or topographical features, or other alternatives acceptable to the planning authority. No advertisements/marketing signage relating to the names of the development shall be erected until the developer has obtained the planning authority's written agreement to the proposed names.

Reason: In the interest of urban legibility and to ensure the use of locally appropriate place names for new residential areas.

13. 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.

14. 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

15. 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, 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 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 until taken in charge.

16. 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.

Terry ó Niadh

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

Dated this day of 2019.