

Board Order ABP-303461-19

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2018

Planning Authority: Cork County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 17/07157.

Appeal by Centmont Limited care of Doyle McDonagh Nash Architects of 21 Patricks Hill, Cork against the decision made on the 10th day of December, 2018 by Cork County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Construction of seven number apartments in a three-storey building, construction of a new entrance and associated site development works at Rose Lawn, Spur Hill, Doughcloyne, County Cork. Further public notices were received by the planning authority on the 22nd day of November, 2018 as follows: A development of five number apartments in a two/three-storey building, construction of a new entrance and associated site development works.

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 policies and objectives of the Cork County Development Plan, 2014 and of the Ballincollig-Carrigaline Municipal District Local Area Plan, 2017, the provisions of the Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments Guidelines for Planning Authorities, issued by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in March, 2018, and the Urban Development and Building Heights Guidelines for Planning Authorities, issued by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in December, 2018 and to the pattern of existing 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 residential or visual amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity and would be acceptable in terms of pedestrian and traffic safety and convenience. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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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 1st day of November, 2018 and by the further plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 15th day of January, 2019, 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.

- The proposed development shall be amended as follows: -2.
 - The floor to ceiling height of the ground floor apartments shall be (a) 2.7 metres.
 - (b) The proposed play area in the northern portion of the site shall be omitted and replaced with general open space/landscaping. The proposed play area in the eastern portion of the site shall be extended to 100 square metres in extent, as per the documentation received by An Bord Pleanála on the 15th day of January, 2019, and the detailed design of this area, including the specification of play equipment, shall be submitted to the planning authority for written agreement.

- (c) The front boundary wall shall be composed of random rubble stone.
- (d) The new site entrance shall be ungated at all times.
- (e) The proposed turning head for vehicles at the north-east corner of the site as shown on drawing number 17321-PL-005, Revision P01.01, received by An Bord Pleanála on the 15th day of January, 2019, formerly proposed as two parking spaces, shall be incorporated into the final layout of the proposed development. The area of the turning head, shall be laid out in a surface material that clearly distinguishes this area from the parking spaces within the development.

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 interests of residential amenity, visual amenity, traffic management and safety.

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

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

4. 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.

5. Street lighting shall be provided in accordance with a scheme, 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 apartment.

Reason: In the interests of amenity and public safety.

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

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

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7. 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.

8. The management and maintenance of the proposed development following its completion shall be the responsibility of a legally constituted management company. A management scheme providing adequate measures for the future maintenance of roads, surface water drainage, and communal areas shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

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

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 noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

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

- 10. 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 of development. This scheme shall include the following:
 - (a) A plan to scale of not less than 1:500 showing, the species, variety, number, size and location of all proposed trees and shrubs which shall comprise predominantly native species such as mountain ash, birch, willow, sycamore, pine, oak, hawthorn, holly, hazel, beech or alder.
 - (b) Hard landscaping works, specifying surfacing materials, and finished levels.
 - (c) Specifications for mounding, levelling, cultivation and other operations associated with establishment of the landscaping scheme.
 - (d) A timescale for implementation.

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, 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 interests of residential and visual amenity.

11. 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 bond shall include provision for the protection of trees during the course of 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.

12. 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.

Chris McGarry

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board.

Dated this day of 2019.

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