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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019**

**Planning Authority: Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: D18A/1112**

**Appeal** by Kingscroft Developments Limited care of The Planning Partnership of The Coach House, Dundanion, Blackrock Road, Cork City against the decision made on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2019 by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

**Proposed Development:** Demolition of two number two-storey habitable dwellings and associated outbuildings/structures (totalling 534 square meters gross floor area); and the construction of an apartment building (3,502 square meters gross floor area) of four number storeys over basement parking in height (totalling five number levels) to consist of: 28 number residential units (six number one bedroom apartments, 14 number two bedroom apartments and eight number three bedroom apartments); basement car park and vehicular access ramp (incorporating 43 number car parking spaces, 32 number bicycle parking spaces, and a communal waste storage area (46 square meters); and associated entrance lobbies, circulation areas, lifts, stairs, internal plant and private amenity spaces. The permanent closure of the current 'Garrynock' vehicular and pedestrian access from the neighbouring 'Fairways' residential development; the permanent closure of

one number existing 'Funchal' vehicular access and one number dedicated pedestrian access from the N11 Stillorgan Road; upgrade and enhancement of one number existing 'Funchal' vehicular access from the N11 Stillorgan Road, to provide the primary vehicular and pedestrian access to the proposed development, along with two new dedicated pedestrian entrances from the N11 Stillorgan Road; boundary treatments, hard and soft landscaping, including a playground, internal vehicle and pedestrian circulation routes, services (including one number below ground attenuation tank) and all other ancillary and associated site development works above and below ground level at 'Funchal' and 'Garryknock', Stillorgan Road, Foxrock, 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 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan 2016-2022, 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, the planning history of the site, the pattern of development in the area, the density, scale and height of the proposed development, the submissions on file, and the Inspector's report, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions as set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the residential or visual amenities of adjoining properties of the area, would be acceptable in terms of pedestrian and traffic safety and would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to refuse permission, the Board was satisfied that, having regard to the nature, scale and siting of the proposed apartment block and to the separation distances involved, it would not be overbearing in relation to adjoining properties and would not give rise to an unacceptable level of overshadowing of those properties 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 received by An Bord Pleanála on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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.

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

**Reason:** In the interest of visual amenity.

3. 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. Details in this regard shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

**Reason:** In the interest of public health.

4. The applicant or developer shall enter into water and/or waste water connection agreement(s) with Irish Water, prior to commencement of development.

**Reason:** In the interest of public health.

5. Public lighting shall be provided in accordance with a scheme, which shall include lighting along pedestrian routes through open spaces 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. The internal road network serving the proposed development [including turning bays, junctions, parking areas, footpaths and kerbs] shall comply with the detailed standards of the planning authority for such road works.

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

7. 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 and street signs, and apartment numbers, shall be provided in accordance with the agreed scheme. 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 urbane legibility.

8. 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, 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, including details of proposed species and settings;
  - (c) details of proposed 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 visual 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 hours of working, noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

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

10. (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, for each apartment unit 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, the locations and designs 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.

11. 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 public open spaces, roads 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.

12. 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.

13. 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



14. 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.

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

**Dated this            day of            2019**