

Board Order ABP-304822-19

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Dublin City Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 2757/19

Appeal by BC McGettigan Limited care of Hughes Planning and Development Consultants of 70 Pearse Street, Dublin against the decision made on the 7th day of June, 2019 by Dublin City Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Alterations to previously approved development, planning register reference number 2533/15, at 'Block C' of The North Star Hotel as follows: (i) the construction of two number additional floors (916 square metres) over the existing seven number storey building bringing it to nine number storeys, with a total building height of 27.53 metres, and providing 26 number new hotel bedrooms; (ii) extension of existing sixth floor level (152.4 square metres); (iii) associated elevational changes to the facades of 'Block C'; (iv) the inclusion of a lift shaft for Building Regulations and fire safety purposes, and minor internal amendments to accommodate this on all existing floors of 'Block C', and any ancillary contingent works to facilitate this development, at The North Star Hotel (a Protected Structure), 27 Amiens Street, 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 zoning objectives for the site, the provisions of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022, the pattern of development in the area and the location of the site in close proximity to a public transport hub, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would be appropriate at this location, would be acceptable in terms of scale, form, height and design, would not detract from the character or setting of the protected structure, would be acceptable in terms of visual amenity and would increase the provision of hotel bedrooms in this inner-city location. 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, 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 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. 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 amenities of property in the vicinity and the visual amenities of the area.

ABP-304822-19 An Bord Pleanála Page 3 of 5 4. 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 local amenities.

5. 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.

6. The developer shall pay to the planning authority a financial contribution in respect of Luas Red Line Docklands Extension (Luas C1) in accordance with the terms of the Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme made by the planning authority under section 49 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 Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme made under section 49 of the Act be applied to the permission.

John Connolly

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.

Dated this day of 2019.

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