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## **Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019**

### **Planning Authority: Kildare County Council**

**Application** for permission under section 4 of the Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016, in accordance with plans and particulars, lodged with An Bord Pleanála on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019 by Resource Five Limited care of Declan Brassil and Company Limited, Lincoln House, Phoenix Street, Smithfield, Dublin 7.

#### **Proposed Development:**

A planning permission for a strategic housing development at Newtown, Kill, County Kildare.

The proposed development will consist of 147 number new residential units, comprising the following:

- Two number two-storey maisonette blocks (Blocks D1 and D2) containing four number one-bed units ranging in size between 52.1 square metres and 61.8 square metres Gross Floor Area (GFA), and four number two-bed units, ranging in size from 86.5 square metres to 88.2 square metres GFA;
- Three number three-storey apartment blocks (Blocks A, B and C) containing 10 number one-bed garden apartments of 51 square metres GFA, 16 number two bedroom duplex apartments of 95 square metres GFA, six number two-bed apartments ranging in size between 77 square metres and 86 square metres GFA (Blocks A and B), and four number two bedroom garden apartments ranging in size between 77 square metres and 78 square metres GFA (Block C);

- 21 number two-bed, two-storey, mid-terrace units of 85.6 square metres GFA (Type A);
- 32 number three-bed, two-storey, end of terrace and semi-detached units, ranging in size between 107.1 square metres to 116.6 square metres GFA (Type B, B1 and B4);
- 21 number three-bed, two-storey, mid terrace and semi-detached units, ranging in size from 103.4 square metres to 110.1 square metres GFA (Type B5 and B6);
- 10 number three-bed, two-storey, wide fronted, end of terrace and semi-detached units of 115.1 square metres GFA (Type C);
- Three number four-bed, two-storey, end of terrace units of 135.7 square metres GFA (Type D1);
- 16 number four-bed, two-storey, wide fronted, detached, semi-detached and end of terrace units of 125.4 square metres GFA (Type E and E2);

A total of 282 number car parking spaces, including 250 number spaces serving the residential units, and 32 number visitor spaces, are dispersed throughout the scheme.

The proposed development also includes,

- the provision of 2.046 hectares of public open space, including a 1.806 hectare park on lands zoned Objective F '*Open Space and Amenity*';
- the provision of a spine road to provide cycle/pedestrian and vehicular access to the application site, extending from the existing access road to the south-east of the site to the north-western boundary;
- a pumping station in the south-western portion of the site; and,
- two number ESB substations;
- together with internal roads; landscaping; boundary treatments; lighting and all ancillary and associated site and infrastructural 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**

In coming to its decision, the Board had regard to the following:

- (a) the site's location, on lands approximately 850 metres south-east of Kill Town Centre, in an area that has existing residential development to the east and south, with a zoning objective that permits residential development in principle;
- (b) the pattern of existing development in the area;
- (c) the policies and objectives of the Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023;
- (d) the partial delivery of the Link Road from Hartwell Road to the Kill Johnston Road, the provision of which is an objective under the Kill Small Town Plan;
- (e) the nature, scale and design of the proposed development and the availability in the area of a wide range of community, social and transport infrastructure;
- (f) the Guidelines for Sustainable Residential Developments in Urban Areas and the accompanying Urban Design Manual – a Best Practice Guide, issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in May 2009;

- (g) the Urban Development and Building Heights Guidelines for Planning Authorities, prepared by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in December 2018;
- (h) The Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments issued by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in March 2018;
- (i) the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS) issued by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in March 2013;
- (j) the Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities Guidelines (2007);
- (k) The Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness 2016;
- (l) the nature, scale and design of the proposed development;
- (m) the submissions and observations received, and
- (n) the report of the Inspector,

### **Appropriate Assessment Screening**

The Board completed an Appropriate Assessment screening exercise in relation to the potential effects of the proposed development on designated European Sites, taking into account the nature, scale and location of the proposed development within a zoned and serviced urban area, the Appropriate Assessment Screening report submitted with the application, the Inspector's report, and submissions on file. In completing the screening exercise, the Board adopted the report of the Inspector and concluded that, by itself or in combination with other development in the vicinity, the proposed development would not be likely to have a significant effect on any European Site in view of the conservation objectives of such sites, and that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is not, therefore, required.

## Environmental Impact Assessment Screening

The Board completed an environmental impact assessment screening of the proposed development and considered that the Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report submitted by the applicant, identifies and describes adequately the direct, indirect, secondary, and cumulative effects of the proposed development on the environment.

Having regard to:

- (a) the nature and scale of the proposed development on an urban site served by public infrastructure,
- (b) the absence of any significant environmental sensitivities in the area,
- (c) the location of the development outside of any sensitive location specified in article 109(3) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended),

the Board concluded that, by reason of the nature, scale and location of the subject site, the proposed development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment. The Board decided, therefore, that an environmental impact assessment report for the proposed development was not necessary in this case.

## 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. In default of agreement, such issues may be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

**Reason:** In the interest of clarity.

2.
  - (a) The internal road network, cycle paths and public footpaths, including car parking provision and cycle parking provision to service the proposed development, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works.
  - (b) A final Stage 2 (detailed design) and post construction (Stage 3) independent Quality Audit (which should include a Road Safety Audit, Access Audit, Walking Audit and a Cycle Audit) shall be carried out at the developer's expense for the development in accordance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets guidance and Transport Infrastructure Ireland standards. The Quality Audit team shall be approved by the planning authority and all measures recommended by the Auditor should be undertaken unless the planning authority approves any departure in writing. A feedback report shall also be submitted providing a response to each of the items.
  - (c) A full-time resident engineer shall be provided and funded by the developer to supervise the road project works on site and to liaise with landowners, stakeholders and the planning authority.
  - (d) A detailed Construction Traffic Management Plan shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. The plan shall include details of arrangements for routes for construction traffic, parking during the construction phase, the location of the compound for storage of plant and machinery and the location for storage of deliveries to the site.

**Reason:** To ensure a satisfactory standard of development.

3. All of the communal parking areas serving the residential units shall be provided with functional electric vehicle charging points, and all of the in-curtilage car parking spaces serving residential units shall be provided with electric connections to the exterior of the houses to allow for the provision of future electric vehicle charging points. Details of how it is proposed to comply with these requirements shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the

planning authority prior to commencement of development.

**Reason:** In the interest of sustainable transportation.

4. 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 and to ensure a proper standard of development.

5. Prior to commencement of development the developer shall enter into water and/or waste water connection agreement(s) with Irish Water.

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6. The landscaping scheme submitted shall be carried out within the first planting season following substantial completion of external construction works, details of which shall be submitted to the planning authority for written agreement prior to the commencement of development. 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 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.

7. The developer shall facilitate the archaeological appraisal of the site and shall provide for the preservation, recording and protection of archaeological

materials or features which may exist within the site. In this regard, the developer shall:

- (a) notify the planning authority in writing at least four weeks prior to the commencement of any site operation (including hydrological and geotechnical investigations) relating to the proposed development, and
- (b) employ a suitably-qualified archaeologist prior to the commencement of development. The archaeologist shall assess the site and monitor all site development works.

The assessment shall address the following issues:

- i. the nature and location of archaeological material on the site, and
- ii. the impact of the proposed development on such archaeological material.

A report, containing the results of the assessment, shall be submitted to the planning authority and, arising from this assessment, the developer shall agree in writing with the planning authority details regarding any further archaeological requirements (including, if necessary, archaeological excavation) prior to commencement of construction works.

In default of agreement on any of these requirements, the matter shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

**Reason:** In order to conserve the archaeological heritage of the area and to secure the preservation (in-situ or by record) and protection of any archaeological remains that may exist within the site.

- 8. Site development and building works shall be carried only out between 08.00 to 19.00 hours Mondays to Fridays inclusive, between 08.00 to 14.00 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 amenities of property in the vicinity.

9. Proposals for an apartment, street and house numbering scheme and associated signage shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Thereafter, all apartment, street signs, and house 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 orderly development.

10. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall submit to and agree in writing with the planning authority a properly constituted Owners' Management Company. This shall include a layout map of the permitted development showing the areas to be taken in charge and those areas to be maintained by the Owner's Management Company. Membership of this company shall be compulsory for all purchasers of apartments and duplex units in the development. Confirmation that this company has been set up shall be submitted to the planning authority prior to the occupation of the first residential unit.

**Reason:** To provide for the satisfactory completion and maintenance of the development in the interest of residential amenity.

11. All service cables associated with the proposed development (such as electrical, communal television, telephone and public lighting cables) shall be run underground within the site. In this regard, ducting shall be provided to facilitate the provision of broadband infrastructure within the proposed development.

**Reason:** In the interests of orderly development and the visual amenities of the area.

12. The submitted phasing programme for the development shall be strictly adhered to, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the planning authority.

**Reason:** To provide for the orderly development of the site.

13. The materials, colours and finishes of the permitted buildings and the treatment of streets and open spaces shall be in accordance with the details submitted with the application, unless the prior written agreement of the planning authority is obtained for minor departures from those details.

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

14. A plan containing details for the management of waste within the development, including the provision of facilities for the storage, separation and collection of the waste and, in particular, recyclable materials 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.

**Reason:** To provide for the appropriate management of waste, and in particular recyclable materials, in the interest of protecting the environment.

15. 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 a demolition management plan, together with details of intended construction practice for the development, noise and dust management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

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

16. Construction and demolition waste shall be managed in accordance with a Construction Waste and Demolition Management Plan, which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This plan shall be prepared in accordance with the “Best Practice Guidelines on the Preparation of Waste Management Plans for Construction and Demolition Projects”, published by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in July 2006.

The plan shall include details of waste to be generated during site clearance and construction phases, and details of the methods and locations to be employed for the prevention, minimisation, recovery and disposal of this material in accordance with the provision of the Waste Management Plan for the Region in which the site is situated.

The plan shall include details for the appropriate disposal of the invasive species which has been treated within the site and the prevention of any increase in vermin on the site or in the vicinity of the site, during construction.

**Reason:** In the interest of sustainable waste management.

17. Public 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. Street lighting in private areas shall be independent to the public lighting power supply. Public lighting shall be provided prior to the making available for occupation of any house.

**Reason:** In the interests of residential amenity and nature conservation.

18. Prior to commencement of development, the developer 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 social and affordable housing in accordance with the requirements of section 96 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 (other than a matter to which section 97(7) applies) may be referred by the planning authority or any other prospective party to the agreement to the Board 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.

19. 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 and maintenance until taken in charge by the local authority 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 or maintenance 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 and maintenance of the development until taken in charge.

