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

### **Planning Authority: Wicklow 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019 by Cairn Homes Properties Limited care of McGill Planning, 45 Herbert Lane, Dublin 2.

#### **Proposed Development:**

A planning permission for a strategic housing development at “Glenheron C”, Greystones, Co. Wicklow. The application site (comprising 9.529 hectares) is principally located south/south-east of the Charlesland Road (R774/L1221), north of Shoreline Sports Park, south of Seabourne apartments, and south-west of Charlesland Golf Club.

The proposed development will consist of a mixed use, residential and employment proposal comprising the following:

- (a) A residential development of 354 number units including:
  - i. 124 number two-storey houses (comprising 13 number two-bed; 93 number three-bed and 18 number four-bed);
  - ii. Two number apartment blocks (five-six storeys in height) comprising 170 number units (36 number one-bed, 123 number two-bed and 11 number three-bed). The apartment development will include a concierge, security room, and communal amenity room.

- iii. 60 number duplex apartments (30 number two-bed and 30 number three-bed).
  - iv. All residential units provided with private garden/balcony/terrace space to standard and facing north/south/east/west.
  - v. Provision of public and communal open spaces, car parking (456 number spaces) and cycle parking (388 number spaces).
- (b) An employment development comprising a two-storey Community Enterprise building (1,356 square metre) and a two-storey office building (1,376 square metre), 91 number parking spaces and 108 number bicycle spaces;
- (c) The relocation of the existing temporary bus parking facility to the western side of the unnamed local road leading to Shoreline Sports Park;
- (d) Accesses to the development from the unnamed local road and via Seabourne apartment development to the north;
- (e) Provision of pedestrian connections including across R774/L1221 to Charlesland Neighbourhood Centre;
- (f) All associated site development works, drainage and infrastructural works, servicing (including 2 number substations, bin stores), landscaping, open spaces, and boundary treatment 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 adjoining the established settlement of Greystones, Co. Wicklow on lands with zoning objectives for residential, employment and community land uses under the Greystones-Delgany and Kilcoole Local Area Plan 2013-2019;
- b) the policies and objectives in the Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022;
- c) the Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness 2016;
- d) the Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas and the accompanying Urban Design Manual;
- e) the Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments;
- f) the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS);
- g) the Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities (including the associated Technical Appendices);
- h) the nature, scale and design of the proposed development;
- i) the availability in the area of a wide range of social and transport infrastructure;
- j) the pattern of existing and permitted development in the area, and

- k) the submissions and observations received, and
- l) the report of the Inspector.

The Board considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would constitute an acceptable residential density in this suburban location, would be acceptable in terms of urban design, height and quantum of development, would not seriously injure the residential or visual amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity, would respect the existing character of the area, would not give rise to flooding in the area, 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.

### **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**

The Board completed an environmental impact assessment of the proposed development, taking into account:

- (a) The nature, scale and extent of the proposed development;
- (b) The environmental impact assessment report and associated documentation submitted in support of the planning application;

- (c) The submissions from the planning authority, the observers and the prescribed bodies in the course of the application; and
- (d) The report of the Inspector.

The Board considered that the environmental impact assessment report, supported by the documentation submitted by the applicant, adequately identifies and describes the direct, indirect, secondary and cumulative effects of the proposed development on the environment.

The Board agreed with the examination, set out in the Inspector's report, of the information contained in the environmental impact assessment report and associated documentation submitted by the applicant and submissions made in the course of the planning application.

The Board considered and agreed with the Inspector's reasoned conclusions, that the main significant direct and indirect effects of the proposed development on the environment are, and would be mitigated, as follows:

- Biodiversity impacts, which will be mitigated by landscaping and compensatory planting; tree protection measures; survey of trees that are potential bat roosts; Construction Management Plan; surface water management measures during construction and for the completed development; additional bat mitigation measures as outlined in the Bat Assessment on file.
- Land and soil impacts, which will be mitigated by a CEMP; Construction Waste Management Plan and an asbestos remediation plan.
- Water impacts, which will be mitigated by construction management measures, SUDS measures, surface water management and monitoring.
- Landscape and visual impacts, which will be mitigated by construction management measures and by the retention and enhancement of existing trees and hedgerows and new landscaping.

- Traffic and transportation impacts, which will be mitigated by construction traffic management; a Mobility Management Plan and by the provision of pedestrian and cycle facilities.
- Landscape and visual impacts, which will be mitigated by construction management measures and by the retention and enhancement of existing trees and hedgerows and new landscaping.
- Archaeology impacts, which will be mitigated by monitoring during construction

### **Conclusions on Proper Planning and Sustainable Development**

The Board considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would constitute an acceptable residential density in this suburban location, would not seriously injure the residential or visual amenities of the area, would be acceptable in terms of urban design, height and quantum of development and would be acceptable in terms of pedestrian and traffic safety. 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, 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, the matter(s) in dispute shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

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

2. Mitigation and monitoring measures outlined in the plans and particulars, including,
  - (i) Volume I, Chapter 16, "Schedule of Mitigation Measures" set out in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report submitted with this application and
  - (ii) Section 5 of the submitted Bat Assessment shall be carried out in full, except where otherwise required by conditions attached to this permission.

**Reason:** In the interests of protecting the environment and of public health.

3. The proposed development shall be carried out on a phased basis, such that:

The Community and Enterprise Centre and the Office development on the western part of the site are constructed and ready for occupation.

Details of further phases shall be as agreed in writing with the planning authority.

**Reason:** To ensure that the proposed residential development takes place in tandem with the provision of social and economic infrastructure, as provided for in the Greystones-Delgany and Kilcoole Local Area Plan 2013-2019.

4. The proposed development shall be amended such that a childcare facility shall be provided on the ground floor of apartment Block A to cater for up to 52 childcare spaces with an associated open space play area, which shall be the subject of a future planning application to Wicklow County Council.

**Reason:** In order to comply with national policy on childcare provision for residential development as set out in the Childcare Facilities Guidelines for Planning Authorities and the Sustainable Urban Housing Design Standards for New Apartments.

5. The proposed development shall be modified as follows with regard to transportation, pedestrian/cycle and roads requirements:
- (a) The roads and traffic arrangements serving the site, including road signage, shall be in accordance with the detailed requirements of the planning authority for such works and shall be carried out at the developer's expense.
  - (b) The unnamed access road at the southern end of the site shall be revised such that the following are redesigned to the satisfaction of Wicklow County Council:
    - (i) The bus layby.
    - (ii) The access junctions to the residential development and the employment zoned lands and the post-primary school site.
    - (iii) The pedestrian and cycle infrastructure.
  - (c) The internal road network serving the proposed development including turning bays, junctions, parking areas, footpaths, cycle paths and kerbs, pedestrian crossings, car parking bay sizes and road access to commercial parking shall comply with the requirements of the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets, in particular carriageway widths and corner radii, and cycle tracks within the development shall be in accordance with the guidance provided in the National Cycle Manual.
  - (d) The materials used in any roads/footpaths provided by the developer shall comply with the detailed standards of the planning authority for such road works.
  - (e) All works to public roads/footpaths shall be completed to taking in charge standards and shall be to the satisfaction of the planning authority.
  - (f) The developer shall carry out a Stage 3 Road Safety Audit of the constructed development on completion of the works, which shall be submitted to the planning authority for its written agreement. The developer shall carry out all agreed recommendations contained in the



audit, at his expense.

- (g) A Mobility Management Plan for the development, to include parking management for the apartment blocks and proposals for a car sharing scheme, shall be prepared and submitted to the Planning Authority for its written consent prior to the commencement of development.
- (h) Car parking spaces on the inside of the bend on the access road from Seabourne View are to be relocated as per the submitted Road Safety Audit.
- (i) Additional cycle parking shall be provided for the apartments such that the development complies with the requirements of section 4.17 of the Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments.
- (j) 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.

Revised drawings and particulars showing compliance with these requirements shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. In default of agreement, the matter(s) in dispute shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

**Reason:** In the interests of pedestrian, cyclist and traffic safety and sustainable transportation.

6. 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 transport.

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

Drainage arrangements shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services and all surface water shall be treated within the site.

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

8. The materials, colours and finishes of the authorised buildings, the treatment of boundaries within the development and the landscaping of the site shall generally be in accordance with the details submitted with the application, subject to the following amendments –

(a) All rear gardens of houses shall be bounded with brick or concrete block walls, which shall be a minimum of 1.8 metres high, except where bounding public open spaces or roads, when the walls shall be 2 metres in height, or by concrete post and concrete panel fences, 1.8 metres high.

(b) Details of all boundaries shall be agreed with the planning authority.

Details showing the required amendments shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to the commencement of development.

**Reason:** In the interests of visual and residential amenity and to ensure the provision of durable boundary treatments.

9. The site shall be landscaped in accordance with the submitted scheme of landscaping, details of which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. The developer shall retain the services of a suitably qualified Landscape Architect throughout

the life of the site development works. The approved landscaping scheme shall be implemented fully in the first planting season following completion of the development or each phase of the development and any plant materials that die or are removed within three years of planting shall be replaced in the first planting season thereafter.

**Reason:** In the interests of residential and visual amenity.

10. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall submit to, and obtain the written consent of, the planning authority for:
  - (a) A tree protection plan.
  - (b) A programme of tree surgery works.
  - (c) Details of root zone design and specification for street trees proposed.
  - (d) Detailed design proposals for the proposed play areas.

**Reason:** To protect the amenity value of existing trees and ensure a high-quality landscape design throughout the scheme in the interest of proper planning and sustainable development.

11. Public lighting shall be provided in accordance with a scheme, 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 by the developer for occupation of any house/unit within the relevant phase of the development.

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

12. Proposals for a naming and numbering scheme for the proposed development shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Thereafter, all estate signs and house 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.

13. The developer shall comply with the following requirements:

(a) Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall submit to and agree in writing with the planning authority, those areas of the site that will be taken in charge by the planning authority.

(b) 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 Owners' Management Company. 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.

14. 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.

**Reason:** In the interests of visual and residential amenity.

15. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0700 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.

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

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

17. 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.

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

18. 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.

19. 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

20. 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.

