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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019**

**Planning Authority: Meath County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: RA/190249**

**Appeal** by Ciara Whelan on behalf of the Board of Management of Saint Seachnalls' National School of Main Street, Dunshaughlin, County Meath and by others against the decision made on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019 by Meath County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Dunshaughlin Park Development Limited care of Mckenna and Associates of High Street, Trim, County Meath in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

**Proposed Development:** The construction of two number three storey buildings providing 22 number apartments in a mix of one, two and three bedrooms, a new vehicular and pedestrian entrance to Supple Park, connection to mains water and sewage, provision of associated car and bicycle parking, communal amenity space and bin storage, alterations to existing commercial car park to rear of Main Street and all associated site works at Main Street/Supple Park, Dunshaughlin, County Meath, as amended by the revised public notice received by the planning authority on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019: revisions include: changes to the site layout and buildings reducing the height, scale and design of the development to two storeys in height and a reduction to 16 number apartments, a revised red line boundary, an archaeological assessment report, design statement and a new landscaping scheme.

## **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 relevant policies and objectives of the development plan and local area plan for the area including the residential zoning objective which applies to the site and to the nature and scale of the proposed development for this centrally located site, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not unduly impact on residential amenity in the area, would be acceptable in terms of pedestrian and traffic safety and would constitute an appropriate form of development at this location. 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, as amended by the further plans and particulars submitted on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 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. Parking space numbers 4, 7 and 11, located to the front of Block A, as shown on drawing number 19-P02, 'Site Layout Plan' submitted to the planning authority on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019, shall be omitted and the area of these three spaces shall be reallocated to landscape planting. Details of this modification shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to the commencement of development.

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

3. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed buildings shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Roof colour, including ridge tiles, shall be blue, black or slate grey only.

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

4. Prior to the commencement of development on the site, design details for the surface water drainage network to include the collection, drainage, attenuation and disposal of surface water shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing, with the planning authority.

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

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

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

6.
  - (a) A minimum separation of three metres shall be provided between the existing foul sewer traversing the site and the structural foundations of Block B. Prior to the commencement of development on the site, detailed drawings shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority.
  - (b) Prior to the commencement of works on the site, Irish Water shall be nominated as the beneficiary of a wayleave which will allow access for maintenance and repair of existing Irish Water Infrastructure crossing the site.

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

7. The developer shall facilitate the preservation, recording and protection of archaeological materials or features that 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,
  - (b) employ a suitably qualified archaeologist who shall monitor all site investigations and other excavation works, and
  - (c) provide arrangements, acceptable to the planning authority, for the recording and for the removal of any archaeological material which the authority considers appropriate to remove.

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 site and to secure the preservation and protection of any remains that may exist within the site.

8. The internal road network serving the proposed development shall comply with the detailed standards of the planning authority for such road works and shall comply in all respects with the relevant provisions of the Design Manual for Urban Road and Streets, especially in relation to road widths and curve radii.

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

9. Cycle storage facilities for 35 number bicycles shall be provided in a secure, lockable structure(s). Revised details in this regard shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to the commencement of development.

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

10. A minimum of 10% of all communal car parking spaces shall be provided with functioning electric vehicle charging stations/points, and ducting shall be provided for all remaining car parking spaces, to facilitate the installation of electric vehicle charging points/stations at a later date. Details shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development, and the agreed provisions shall be carried out and completed prior to the making available by the developer for occupation of any of the apartments in the proposed development.

**Reason:** To provide for and/or future proof the development in order to facilitate the use of electric vehicles.

11. 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. All existing over ground cables shall be relocated underground as part of the site development works.

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

12. 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. Such lighting shall be provided prior to the making available for occupation of any house.

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

13. The areas of public open space shown on the lodged plans shall be reserved for such use. These areas shall be soiled, seeded, and landscaped in accordance with the landscaping scheme submitted to the planning authority on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019. This work shall be completed before any of the apartments are made available by the developer for occupation.

**Reason:** In order to ensure the satisfactory development of the public open space areas, and their continued use for this purpose.

14. 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.

**Reason:** In the interest of urban legibility.

15. 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.

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, including, noise management measures, routing and timing of construction traffic, and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

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

17. The management and maintenance of the proposed development following its completion shall be the responsibility of a legally constituted management company. Detailed proposals in this regard shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

**Reason:** To ensure the satisfactory completion and maintenance of this development.



18. 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.

19. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall lodge with the planning authority a bond of an insurance company, a cash deposit, or other security to secure the provision and satisfactory completion, and maintenance, of roads, sewers, watermains, drains, car parks, open spaces 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 security to be lodged shall be as follows -

- (a) an approved insurance company bond in the sum of €78,000 (seventy eight thousand euro), or

- (b) a cash sum of €78,000 (seventy eight thousand euro) to be applied by the planning authority at its absolute discretion if such services are not provided to its satisfaction, or
- (c) such other security as may be accepted in writing by the planning authority.

**Reason:** To ensure the satisfactory completion and maintenance of the development.

20. 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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**Chris McGarry**

**Member of An Bord Pleanála**

**duly authorised to authenticate**

**the seal of the Board.**

**Dated this            day of            2020.**