

# Board Order ABP-306135-19

## Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (Associated application reference number: ABP-TA0001)

**REQUEST** received by An Bord Pleanála on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019 from University College Dublin care of Declan Brassil and Company Limited, Lincoln House, Phoenix Street, Smithfield, Dublin, under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of a permitted Strategic Housing Development for student accommodation providing a total of 2,178 number residential bed spaces and retail services space at University College Dublin, Belfield, Dublin 4, the subject of a permission under An Bord Pleanála reference number ABP-TA0001.

**WHEREAS** the Board made a spilt decision to grant permission for Phases 1 and 2 only of the above-mentioned development by order dated the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018, subject to 16 conditions,

**AND WHEREAS** the Board has received a request to alter the terms of the development, the subject of the permission,

**AND WHEREAS** the proposed alterations relate to Blocks A, B and C in Phase 2 of the permitted development. The proposed alterations include alterations to the elevations of all three blocks; a screened roof plant, or ground level plant to the north west of Block A; and alterations to the basement level consisting of a

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reduction in size to 19,869 square metres, a reduction in the number of carparking spaces from 637 number to 595 number, provision of a sunken garden, reconfiguration of basement layout, and provision of two number lightwells.

**AND WHEREAS** the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, not to invite submissions or observations from the public in relation to whether the proposed alterations would constitute the making of a material alteration to the terms of the development concerned,

**AND WHEREAS** the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that the proposed alterations would not result in a material alteration to the terms of the development, the subject of the permission,

**AND WHEREAS** having considered all of the documents on file and the Inspector's report, the Board considered that the making of the proposed alterations would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment or on any European site,

**NOW THEREFORE** in accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Board hereby alters the above-mentioned decision so that the permitted development, and specifically the proposed plant enclosure layout at ground floor level as per Alternative Plant Enclosure Details drawing number 3.1.\_023.4, shall be altered, in accordance with the plans and particulars received by the Board on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019,

#### **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.

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#### **REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS**

### Having regard to:

- (i) the nature and scale of the Strategic Housing Development permitted under An Bord Pleanála Reference Number ABP-TA0001 for this site in respect of student accommodation providing a total of 2,178 number residential bed spaces, including student facility centre, car parking and associated site works,
- (ii) the screening for appropriate assessment carried out in the course of that application,
- (iii) the limited nature and scale of the alterations,
- (iv) the absence of any significant new or additional environmental effects (including those in relation to European sites) arising as a result of the proposed alterations,
- (v) the absence of any new or significant issues relating to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area arising from the proposed alterations, and
- (vi) the report of the Board's Inspector,

it is considered that the proposed alterations would not be material. In accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, as amended, the Board hereby makes the said alterations.

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

Dated this day of 2020

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