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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019**

**Planning Authority: Fingal County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: F19A/0508**

**Appeal** by The residents of numbers 12, 13, 14 and 15 The Park, Balbriggan Street, Skerries and numbers 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 Foxgrove, Skerries care of O'Neill Town Planning, Planning and Development Consultants of Oakdene, Howth Road, Howth, County Dublin against the decision made on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019 by Fingal County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to David Watson, Chairperson, Skerries Harps GAA and Camogie Club care of Mark G. Kelly Architects and Designers of 109 Lower Main Street, Rush, County Dublin in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

**Proposed Development:** Permission for (A) a new circa 3,500 square metres all-weather surface to the existing training area, (B) a new 67 metre long x six metre high ball wall (along the west side of the training area), (C) a new floodlighting installation to serve the new all-weather training area consisting of luminaires mounted on top of four number 18 metre high lighting columns and (D) all associated site works (all located at western end of existing club grounds at Skerries Harps GAA and Camogie Club, Dublin Road, Skerries, County 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 established use of the site, to the pattern of development in the area, and to the relevant provisions of the statutory development plan, the proposed development, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, would accord with the open space zoning objective to encourage community facilities and other recreational and amenity resources, would not unduly impact on the residential amenities of adjoining residents, and would 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.

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

2. The proposed ball wall shall have a maximum length of 25 metres (excluding the wing elements at each end) and shall be centred on the position of the wall as shown on the plans submitted with the planning application. Revised drawings, showing the reduced wall, shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

**Reason:** To protect the amenities of property in the vicinity.

3. The development shall adhere to the specifications and limitations for the type of floodlights and the operation of the floodlights set out in the Lux report prepared by Signify and received by the planning authority on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019. The four number floodlights shall be fitted with spill-lighting control louvres. The floodlights shall be directed onto the playing surface of the all-weather pitch and away from adjoining properties.

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

4. The floodlights shall not be in operation between the hours of 2200 and 1000 Monday to Sunday.

**Reason:** To protect the amenities of the area.

5. The ball wall shall not be in use between the hours of 2100 and 0800 Monday to Friday and 1300 and 0900 Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays.

**Reason:** To protect the amenities of the area.

6. Drainage arrangements, including the attenuation and 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.

7. 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.

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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**