



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: South Dublin 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 10th day of February 2020 by Glenveagh Homes Limited care of John Spain Associates, 39 Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin.

Proposed Development:

A planning permission for a strategic housing development at Citywest Road and Magna Drive, Citywest, Fortunestown, Dublin 24 on a site of circa 7.4 hectares. The development will consist of the construction of a residential development of 463 number dwellings comprising 353 number apartments, 89 number houses and 21 number duplex apartments, creche (circa 587.8 square metres) and community building (circa 141 square metres) as follows:

- A) 353 number apartments (22 number studio, 65 number one-bedroom, 242 number two-bedroom, 24 number three-bedroom) in seven number apartment buildings (with balconies or terraces [including communal terraces]) as follows:
- Block 1 (six storeys with a part seven-storey level) of 57 number apartments;
 - Block 2 is (six storeys with a part seven-storey level) of 47 number apartments;
 - Block 3 (six storeys over undercroft/semi-basement with a part seven-storey level) of 56 number apartments with car parking and ancillary plant/storage at basement level;

- Block 4 (six storeys over undercroft/semi-basement with a part seven-storey level) of 56 number apartments with car parking and ancillary plant/storage at basement level;
 - Block 5 (six storeys with a part seven-storey level) of 47 number apartments;
 - Block 6 (six storeys over undercroft/semi-basement with a part seven-storey level) of 58 number apartments with car parking and ancillary plant/storage at basement level;
 - Block 7 is six storeys of 32 number apartments (creche of circa 587.8 square metres at ground and first floor) with outdoor play area;
- B) 89 number houses (51 number two-bedroom, 20 number three-bedroom and 18 number four-bedroom); house types 1A, 2A, 4, 4A – three-storey to front [two-storey to rear] remainder of house types two-storey;
- C) 21 number duplex apartments (17 number two-bedroom and four number three-bedroom) in two number three-storey buildings;
- D) Community building including management office (circa 141 square metres single-storey), three number single-storey Electricity Supply Board substations, single storey bicycle and bin stores;
- E) 401 number car parking spaces (including three number car sharing spaces) to serve overall development and 364 number bicycle spaces (for apartments) with apartment bicycle storage provided internally at ground floor level for Apartment Blocks 1-7);
- F) Provision of public open space areas within the development (including playground areas and communal open space areas); all ancillary landscape works, public lighting, planting and boundary treatments including regrading/re-profiling of site where required as well as provision of footpaths and cycle paths;
- G) Vehicular access to the proposed development will be from the Citywest Road (N82) and will include pedestrian crossings and works to facilitate access (including vehicular and footpath/ bridges over stream/ditch), secondary vehicular and pedestrian access to boundary to lands to north (currently under construction) and pedestrian to boundary to Magna Drive;
- H) Provision of surface water and underground attenuation and all ancillary site development 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 location of the site on lands with a zoning objective for residential development in the South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2016-2022;
- (b) the nature, scale and design of the proposed development and those matters relating to the contravention of objectives of the Fortunestown Local Area Plan 2012 (as extended);
- (c) the Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness, 2016;
- (d) Urban Development and Building Heights, Guidelines for Planning Authorities, prepared by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in December 2018;
- (e) the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy 2019-2031;
- (f) 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;

- (g) the Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas, 2009;
- (h) the Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of the Housing, Planning and Local Government in March 2018;
- (i) the availability in the area of a wide range of social, community and transport infrastructure;
- (j) the pattern of existing and permitted development in the area;
- (k) the planning history within the area;
- (l) the submissions and observations received, and
- (m) the report of the Inspector.

It is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would constitute an acceptable residential density in this location, would not seriously injure the residential or visual amenity 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.

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 site, the Screening Report for Appropriate Assessment 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 a preliminary examination in relation to environmental impact assessment 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 at preliminary examination stage 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.

Conclusions on Proper Planning and Sustainable Development

The Board considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the residential or visual amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity and would not endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The Board considered that, while a grant of permission for the proposed Strategic Housing Development would not materially contravene a zoning objective of the statutory plans for the area, a grant of permission could materially contravene the Fortunestown Local Area Plan 2012 (as extended). The Board considers that, having regard to the provisions of section 37(2)(b)(i) and (iii) of the Planning and

Development Act 2000, as amended, the grant of permission in material contravention of the Local Area Plan would be justified for the following reasons and considerations:

In relation to section 37(2)(b)(i) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended):

The proposed development is considered to be of strategic and national importance having regard to the definition of 'strategic housing development' pursuant to section 3 of the Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016 (as amended); to its support for the National Policy Objectives in the National Planning Framework, in particular Objective 11, its location within the Saggart/ Citywest which is identified as an emerging growth town in both the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy 2019-2031 and the South Dublin County Development Plan 2016-2022 and its potential to contribute both to the achievement of the Government's policy to increase delivery of housing from its current under-supply as set out in Rebuilding Ireland – Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness issued in July 2016, and to facilitate the achievement of greater density and height in residential development in an urban centre close to public transport and centres of employment.

In relation to section 37(2)(b)(iii) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended):

It is considered that permission for the proposed development should be granted having regard to Government policies as set out in the 'Urban Development and Building Height Guidelines' (in particular sections 3.2 and 3.4, Specific Planning Policy Requirement 3 and Specific Planning Policy Requirement 4) and the 'Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments' (in particular section 2.4, Specific Planning Policy Requirement 3 and Appendix 1) and the 'Guidelines for Sustainable Residential Developments in Urban Areas' issued 2009 (in particular section 5.5).

Conditions

1. The proposed 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 proposed 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.
 - (a) The cycle lane along the Citywest Road shall integrate with the bus layby in accordance with the requirements of the planning authority and shall be co-ordinated with the determination of the bus layby taper.
 - (b) The width of the cycle lane along the Citywest Road shall comply with the National Cycle Manual, issued by the National Transport Authority in 2011.
 - (c) Provision shall be made for dedicated cycling infrastructure along the “Traffic Bridge” in compliance with the standards set out in the National Cycle Manual.

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

Reason: In the interest of sustainable transportation.

3. (a) The design of Roads 1, 6, 9 and 10 shall be amended as follows:
 - (i) The lead-in taper of the left turning lane exiting the development on Road 1 shall be redesigned to the standard specification,
 - (ii) Road 4 shall align with the road on the adjacent development site to the north,
 - (iii) Road 1 and Road 9 shall be connected with a 3.5-metre wide vehicular connection,
 - (iv) The junction radius between Road 6 and 10 shall be 6.0 metres.

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

- (b) The internal road network serving the proposed development, including turning bays, junctions, parking areas, footpaths and kerbs, and the underground car parks shall be in accordance with the detailed construction standards of the planning authority for such works and the design standards set out in the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets. In default of agreement the matter(s) in dispute shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

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

- 4 The recommendations outlined in Section 10 of the Aeronautical Assessment Report including the notification of the Irish Aviation Authority before the erection of tower cranes and the incorporation of aircraft warning lights on the top of the apartment blocks, shall be carried out in full to the satisfaction of the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of protecting the environment and in the interest of the safe operation of aeroplanes.

5. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed dwellings/buildings shall be as submitted with the application, unless otherwise 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 interest of visual amenity.

6. 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.

7. Proposals for an estate/street name, 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 estate and street signs, and house numbers, shall be provided in accordance with the agreed scheme. The proposed name(s) 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(s) of the development shall be erected until the developer has obtained the planning authority's written agreement to the proposed name(s).

Reason: In the interest of urban legibility and to ensure the use of locally appropriate place names for new residential areas.

8. 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, including in-curtilage spaces, facilitating the installation of electric vehicle charging points/stations at a later date. Where proposals relating to the installation of electric vehicle ducting and charging stations/points has not been submitted with the application, in accordance with the above noted requirements, such proposals shall be submitted and agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to the occupation of the development.

Reason: To provide for and/or future proof the development such as would facilitate the use of electric vehicles.

9. Prior to the opening/occupation of any element of the development, a Mobility Management Strategy shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority. This shall provide for incentives to encourage the use of public transport, cycling, walking and carpooling by residents/occupants/staff employed in the development and to reduce and regulate the extent of parking. The mobility strategy shall be prepared and implemented by the management company for all units within the development. Details to be agreed with the planning authority shall include the provision of centralised facilities within the commercial element of the development for bicycle parking, shower and changing facilities associated with the policies set out in the strategy.

Reason: In the interest of encouraging the use of sustainable modes of transport.

10. The bat boxes indicated on the Landscape Masterplan drawing DN1818-02 shall be carried out on the site to the written satisfaction of the planning authority and in accordance with the details submitted to An Bord Pleanála with this application, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the planning authority.

Reason: To ensure the protection of the natural heritage on the site.

11. Public lighting shall be provided in accordance with a scheme, which shall include lighting along pedestrian routes through open spaces and shall incorporate the recommendations of the Bat Survey as per Section 5.2.4 of the Ecological Impact Statement, details of which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development/installation of lighting. Such lighting shall be provided prior to the making available for occupation of any dwelling unit.

Reason: In the interests of amenity and public safety and ecological protection.

12. The site shall be landscaped (and earthworks carried out) in accordance with the detailed comprehensive scheme of landscaping which accompanied the application submitted, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Further agreement of landscape plan/specification details with the planning authority shall include the following:

- a) Tree protection,
- b) Children's play area specification,
- c) Green infrastructure,
- d) Boundary treatment around the play areas,
- e) A 1.5-metre high boundary wall along the east of the site, along Magna Drive, similar to the wall proposed to the east and south of the site.
- f) Taking in charge of areas designated for public open space.

These details shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to the commencement of the landscaping works.

Reason: In the interests of residential and visual amenity.

13. (a) All screen walls shall be two metres in height above ground level, constructed and finished to match external finish of dwellings/building unless otherwise agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.
- (b) All rear garden walls shall be 1.8 metres in height above ground level and shall be concrete block or concrete post and panel unless otherwise agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

14. No additional development shall take place above roof parapet level, including lift motor enclosures, air handling equipment, storage tanks, ducts or other external plant, telecommunication aerials, antennas or equipment, unless authorised by a further grant of planning permission.

Reason: To protect the residential amenities of property in the vicinity and the visual amenities of the area.

15. The development shall be carried out on a phased basis, in accordance with the phasing scheme submitted with the planning application.

Reason: To ensure the timely provision of services, for the benefit of the occupants of the proposed dwellings.

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

Reason: In the interest of public health.

17. 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 interests of public health and surface water management.

18. The management and maintenance of the proposed development following its completion shall be the responsibility of a legally constituted management company. The community building shall be included within the management scheme and made available for the entire development including, but not restricted to, the dwellings and duplex units. The communal open spaces, including hard and soft landscaping, car parking areas and access ways, communal refuse/bin storage and all areas not intended to be taken in charge by the local authority, shall be maintained by a legally constituted management company. A management scheme providing adequate measures for the future maintenance of public open spaces, roads and communal areas shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to occupation of the development.

Reason: To provide for the satisfactory future maintenance of this development in the interest of residential amenity.

19. (a) A plan containing details for the management of waste (and, in particular, recyclable materials) within the development, including the provision of facilities for the storage, separation and collection of the waste and, in particular, recyclable materials [and for the ongoing operation of these facilities] for each apartment unit shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority not later than six months from the date of commencement of the development. Thereafter, the waste shall be managed in accordance with the agreed plan.
- (b) This plan shall provide for screened communal bin stores, the locations and designs of which shall be included in the details to be submitted.

- (c) This plan shall provide for screened bin stores, which shall accommodate not less than three standard sized wheeled bins within the curtilage of each house plot.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity, and to ensure the provision of adequate refuse storage.

20. 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.

Reason: In the interest of sustainable waste management.

21. 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:
- a) Location of the site and materials compound(s) including area(s) identified for the storage of construction refuse;
 - b) Location of areas for construction site offices and staff facilities;
 - c) Details of site security fencing and hoardings;
 - d) Details of on-site car parking facilities for site workers during the course of construction;

- e) Details of the timing and routing of construction traffic to and from the construction site and associated directional signage, to include proposals to facilitate the delivery of abnormal loads to the site;
- f) Measures to obviate queuing of construction traffic on the adjoining road network;
- g) Measures to prevent the spillage or deposit of clay, rubble or other debris on the public road network;
- h) Alternative arrangements to be put in place for pedestrians and vehicles in the case of the closure of any public road or footpath during the course of site development works;
- i) Provision of parking for existing properties at [specify locations] during the construction period;
- j) Details of appropriate mitigation measures for noise, dust and vibration, and monitoring of such levels;
- k) Containment of all construction-related fuel and oil within specially constructed bunds to ensure that fuel spillages are fully contained. Such bunds shall be roofed to exclude rainwater;
- l) Off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste and details of how it is proposed to manage excavated soil;
- m) Means to ensure that surface water run-off is controlled such that no silt or other pollutants enter local surface water sewers or drains.
- n) A record of daily checks that the works are being undertaken in accordance with the Construction Management Plan shall be kept for inspection by the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of amenities, public health and safety.

22. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between 0700 to 1900 hours 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.

23. 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 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.

24. 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 of roads, footpaths, watermains, drains, 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 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 of the development.

25. 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.

Terry Prendergast
Member of An Bord Pleanála
duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.

Dated this day of 2020