

Board Order ABP-306802-20

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019 Planning Authority: Cork City Council Planning Register Reference Number: 19/38926

APPEAL by Garvan Lynch of 4 Beaumont Place, Blackrock Road, Ballintemple, Cork against the decision made on the 7th day of February, 2020 by Cork City Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: Construction of a vehicular entrance 3.5 metres wide at number 4 Beaumont Place, Blackrock Road, Cork.

Decision

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the reasons and considerations 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 character of the historic streetscape that forms an integral part of the Blackrock Road Architectural Conservation Area, which is characterised by masonry walls and cast-iron railings, and to the character of the property which is listed on the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (Reference Number: 20868113), and which is enclosed by an original masonry wall with Georgian wrought iron railings, it is considered that the proposed development which would remove the central section of the wall and railings, and introduce a 3.5 metre-wide vehicular entrance gate and associated driveway to the front of the dwelling within the front garden, would result in the loss of historic fabric and adversely affect the integrity of the property, would detract from the character of the Architectural Conservation Area and would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the provisions of the Cork City Council Development Plan 2015-2021, would create an undesirable precedent and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

> John Connolly Member of An Bord Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Board

Dated this day of 2020