

Board Order ABP-307151-20

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: D19A/0349.

Appeal by Dowlow Limited care of Reid Associates of 2 Connaught Place, Crofton Road, Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin against the decision made on the 26th day of March, 2000 by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council to refuse a permission to the said Dowlow Limited for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Permission for the demolition of the existing site entrance gates off Monkstown Road to form a new road setback and widened vehicular entrance, the demolition of the existing bungalow and sheds to rear of the site, partial demolition of the existing boundary wall between the access laneway and northern boundary; the construction of a new access roadway and path to seven number residential units comprised of three number three-storey semi-detached units (six number units in total) and one number two bedroom detached two-storey unit, together with all associated site works, landscaping, services and utilities.; all at 81A Monkstown Road, Monkstown, 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 location of the proposed infill development in an established residential area zoned A in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Development Plan, 2016-2022, to the design and layout of the proposed development and the established residential character of the wider area, it is considered that the proposed development would provide an efficient use of zoned and serviced lands in an area well served by public transport, would not seriously injure the residential and visual amenities of the area, would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience and would not have a detrimental impact on the character or setting of adjacent Protected Structures or the Monkstown Architectural Conservation Area. Furthermore, the Board had regard to the "Planning System and Flood Risk Management, Guidelines for Planning Authorities" issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in November 2009 and to the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment included as Appendix 13 of the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Development Plan 2016-2022 and concluded that the proposed development was not currently located in a functional flood

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plain and would, therefore, not give rise to an increased risk of flooding of the site or of property in the vicinity. The proposed development, therefore, would not negatively impact on the flood regime of the surrounding area and the amenities of surrounding properties and would be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to refuse permission and in considering the additional submissions and information provided in response to the notices issued under section 132 and section 131 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Board noted in particular that all parties concur that the existing southern boundary wall offers a degree of flood protection to the appeal site. The Board is, therefore, satisfied that the proposed development is not located in a functional floodplain and has no potential for impact on flood risk elsewhere in the vicinity. Furthermore, the Board considered that the design of the proposed development, which incorporated appropriate flood level calculations based on the site specific flood risk assessment and inclusive of mitigation measures comprising an upgrade in the southern boundary wall to OPW design standards, would ensure that the proposed development would not give rise to an increased risk of flooding of the site or of property in the vicinity. It is considered, therefore, that the proposed development 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 as amended by the further plans and particulars submitted to the planning authority on the 28th day of February, 2020 and by the further plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 2nd day of June, 2021, 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 mitigation measures and commitments set out in the Site Specific Flood Risk Assessment submitted to the planning authority in the response to the request for further information on the 28th day of February 2020 shall be implemented in full. Design details for the replacement of the existing southern boundary wall with a new flood defence wall designed in line with OPW design standards shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of clarity and public health and safety

Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes
to the proposed dwellings shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing
with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

4. The internal road network serving the proposed development including turning bays, junctions, parking areas, footpaths and kerbs shall comply with the detailed standards of the planning authority for such road works.

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

 Water supply and drainage arrangements, including the 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.

6. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall enter into water and/or waste water connection agreement(s) with Irish Water.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

- 7. (1) All foul sewage and soiled water shall be discharged to the public foul sewer.
 - (2) Only clean, uncontaminated storm water shall be discharged to the surface water drainage system.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

8. 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.

 All rear gardens shall be bounded by block walls, 1.8 metres in height, capped, and rendered, on both sides, to the written satisfaction of the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of residential and visual amenity.

10. 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.

11. 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 amenities of property in the vicinity.

12. 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.

Reason: In the interest of sustainable waste management.

13. 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 and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

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

14. 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.

15. The management and maintenance of the proposed development following its completion shall be the responsibility of a legally constituted management company. A management scheme providing adequate measures for the future maintenance of roads and communal areas shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

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

16. 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

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facilities within each house plot shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Thereafter, the waste shall be managed in accordance with the agreed plan.

Reason: To provide for the appropriate management of waste and, in particular recyclable materials, in the interest of protecting the environment.

17. All of the in-curtilage car parking spaces serving residential units shall be provided with electric connections to the exterior of the houses to allow for the provision of future electric vehicle charging points. Details of how it is proposed to comply with these requirements shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: in the interest of sustainable transportation.

18. Prior to the commencement of any house or duplex unit in the development as permitted, the applicant or any person with an interest in the land shall enter into an agreement with the planning authority (such agreement must specify the number and location of each house or duplex unit), pursuant to Section 47 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that restricts all houses and duplex units permitted, to first occupation by individual purchasers i.e. those not being a corporate entity, and/or by those eligible for the occupation of social and/or affordable housing, including cost rental housing.

Reason: To restrict new housing development to use by persons of a particular class or description in order to ensure an adequate choice and supply of housing, including affordable housing, in the common good.

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. 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

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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.

Maria FitzGerald

Member of An Bord Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board.

Dated this 11th day of October 2021.