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## **Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020**

### **Planning Authority: Dun Laoghaire Rathdown 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020 by Ketut Limited care of BMA Planning, Taney Hall, Eglinton Terrace, Dundrum, Dublin 14.

#### **Proposed Development:**

A planning permission for a strategic housing development at this site at Lisieux Hall (protected structure), Murphystown Road, Leopardstown, Dublin 18 (1.19 hectare). The current application site is 1.19 hectare of the overall 1.85-hectare Lisieux Hall site bounded by Murphystown Road to the North, Ballyogan Road to the South, Murphystown Way to the East and Kilgobbin Road to the West. 'Lisieux Hall' (not within the current application site) is included on the Record of Protected Structures (Record of Protected Structures Number 1662).

The proposed development involves a total gross floor area of 18,886 square metres and comprises 200 number apartments (comprising 20 number studio units, 72 number one-bed units, 100 number two-bed units and eight number three-bed units) in four blocks including ancillary residential support facilities on the ground floor level of Block 1 and a creche on the ground floor of Block 3 and a standalone Electricity Supply Board substation building.

The proposed development includes the following accommodation on a block by block basis:

- Block 1: 67 number apartments, ancillary accommodation and associated balconies in a seven-storey block (six storeys with setback penthouse above) comprising four number studio units, 27 number one-bed, 31 number two-bed and five number three-bed. This block includes a meeting/function rooms (112 square metres), gymnasium (220 square metres) and concierge office facilities (35 square metres) which are ancillary to the apartments,
- Block 2: 36 number apartments, ancillary accommodation and associated balconies in a five-storey block (four storeys with setback penthouse above) comprising four number studio, nine number one-bed and 23 number two-bed,
- Block 3: 60 number apartments, ancillary accommodation and associated balconies in a six-storey block (five-storeys with setback penthouse above) comprising six number studio, 27 number one-bed, 24 number two-bed and three number three-bed. Block 3 includes the creche (356 square metres) at ground floor,
- Block 4: 37 number apartments, ancillary accommodation and associated balconies in a five-storey block (four-storeys with setback penthouse above) comprising six number studio, nine number one-bed and 22 number two-bed.

The four blocks are connected by link corridors at ground floor level and are arranged around a central landscaped courtyard open to the south. The blocks are located above basement (1 level) which will accommodate 160 number car parking spaces including universal access parking (six number spaces) electrical charge points (14 number spaces), bicycle parking (408 number spaces), motorcycle parking (eight number spaces) and ancillary storage/bin storage and circulation areas. At surface level at the entrance to the development there are an additional 11 number car parking spaces, including one number universal access space, two number electrical charge point spaces and 24 number bicycle spaces. In total, 171 number car parking spaces and 432 number bicycle parking spaces are provided.

Permission is also sought for hard and soft landscaping, play areas, lighting, standalone Electricity Supply Board Substation building with access from Murphystown Road (26 square metres) and all associated site and development works, including proposals for off-site improvements to the Murphystown Road cul-de-sac. Vehicular access is provided from a single access point from Murphystown Road, to the north of the site. Pedestrian entrances are provided from Murphystown Road to the north, Kilgobbin Road to the west and Murphystown Way to east of the site. A new access point for the existing dwelling at Lisieux Hall is to be provided from Murphystown Way and will also provide emergency access to the proposed development. The proposed development involves the removal of portions of the perimeter boundary wall and what remains of the walled garden at Lisieux Hall (protected structure).

## **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 policies and objectives set out in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Development Plan 2016-2022,
- (b) the Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness 2016,

- (c) Urban Development and Building Heights Guidelines for Planning Authorities, prepared by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in December 2018,
- (d) 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 2013, as amended,
- (e) the Guidelines for Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas and the accompanying Urban Design Manual, A Best Practice Guide, issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in May 2009,
- (f) the Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments, Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in March 2018,
- (g) Architectural Heritage Protection, Guidelines for Planning Authorities, issued by the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht in October 2011,
- (h) the Planning System and Flood Risk Management for Planning Authorities (including the associated Technical Appendices), issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in 2009,
- (i) the nature, scale and design of the proposed development,
- (j) the availability in the area of a range of social, community and transport infrastructure,
- (k) the pattern of existing and permitted development in the area,
- (l) the planning history of the site and within the area,
- (m) the submissions and observations received,
- (n) the report of the Chief Executive of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council,
- (o) the report of the inspector.

## **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 an environmental impact assessment screening of the proposed development and considered the Statement of Effects on Environment and European Sites contained in the Planning Report submitted by the developer, 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, and
- (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 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 constitute an acceptable residential density, would not seriously injure the residential or visual amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity, would be acceptable in terms of urban design, height and quantum of development and would be acceptable in terms of traffic and pedestrian safety and convenience. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The Board considered that a grant of permission for the proposed Strategic Housing Development would materially contravene the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Development Plan 2016-2022 in respect of building height.

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 Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Development Plan 2016-2022 would be justified for the following reasons and considerations:

- (a) 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 Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan area along a strategic development corridor, on zoned and serviced lands, 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.

- (b) In relation to section 37(2)(b)(iii) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended, the Board considered that permission for the proposed development should be granted having regard to Government policies as set out in the National Planning Framework, specifically National Policy Objectives 13, and 35; the provisions as set out in the 'Urban Development and Building Height Guidelines for Planning Authorities prepared by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in December 2018' (in particular Specific Planning Policy Requirement 3); and the 'Guidelines for Sustainable Residential Developments in Urban Areas and the accompanying Urban Design Manual, A Best Practice Guide, issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in May 2009' (in particular Chapter 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 or as otherwise stipulated by conditions hereunder, 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. The proposed development shall be amended as follows:
  - (a) The proposed gates to the pedestrian entrances in the northern, eastern and western boundaries of the site shall be omitted and these access points shall remain open to the public.
  - (b) The proposed footpath along Murphystown Road shall be extended along the entire northern site frontage as far as Kilgobbin Road, where it shall tie in with the existing footpath.

Revised drawings showing compliance with this requirement shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

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

3. All recommended measures outlined in the submitted Ecological Impact Statement and Arboricultural Report, including Tree Protection Plan, shall be implemented in full.

**Reason:** In the interests of biodiversity and protection of trees.



4. Not more than 75% of residential units shall be made available for occupation before completion of the childcare facility unless the developer can demonstrate to the written satisfaction of the planning authority that a childcare facility is not needed (at this time).

**Reason:** To ensure that childcare facilities are provided in association with residential units, in the interest of residential amenity.

5. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed 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. 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.

7. Proposals for an estate name, 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. Comprehensive details of the proposed public lighting system to serve the development shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority, prior to commencement of development/installation of the lighting. The agreed lighting system shall be fully implemented and operational, before the proposed development is made available for occupation.

**Reason:** In the interests of public safety and visual amenity.

9. 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.

10. (a) The car parking facilities hereby permitted shall be reserved solely to serve the proposed development. These residential spaces shall not be utilised for any other purpose, including for use in association with any other uses of the development hereby permitted, unless the subject of a separate grant of planning permission.
- (b) Prior to the occupation of the development, a Parking Management Plan shall be prepared for the development and shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority. This plan shall provide for the permanent retention of the designated residential parking spaces and shall indicate how these and other spaces within the development shall be assigned, segregated by use and how the car park shall be continually managed.

**Reason:** To ensure that adequate parking facilities are permanently available to serve the proposed residential units and to prevent inappropriate commuter parking.

11. Details of the bicycle parking space location, layout, storage arrangement, marking demarcation, and security provisions for bicycle spaces shall be submitted for the written agreement of the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

**Reason:** To ensure that adequate bicycle parking provision is available to serve the proposed development, in the interest of sustainable transportation.

12. Prior to the opening/occupation of the development, a Mobility Management Strategy (including an interim or temporary strategy reflecting any requirements or adjustments relating to Covid-19 movement and travel patterns) 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. Details may include the provision of centralised facilities within the development for bicycle parking, shower and changing facilities associated with the policies set out in the strategy. The interim or temporary strategy, where applicable, should reflect the requirements of Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS) Interim Advice Note – Covid Pandemic Response (May 2020). The mobility strategy shall be prepared and implemented by the management company for all units within the development.

**Reason:** In the interest of encouraging the use of sustainable modes of transport and reflecting the needs of pedestrians and cyclists during Covid-19 pandemic.

13. A Quality Audit (which shall include a Road Safety Audit, Access Audit, Cycle Audit and a Walking Audit) shall be carried out at Stage 2 for the detailed design stage and at Stage 3 for the post construction stage. All audits shall be carried out at the Developers expense in accordance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets guidance and Transport Infrastructure Ireland standards. The independent audit team(s) shall be approved in writing by the planning authority and all measures recommended by the Auditor shall be undertaken unless the planning authority approves a departure in writing. The Stage 2 Audit reports shall be submitted for the written agreement of the planning authority prior to the commencement of development.

**Reason:** In the interests of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

14. All works to be carried out on the public road/footpath shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority. Full details of all required and proposed works to be carried out at Murphystown Road and Murphystown Way shall be agreed in writing prior to commencement of construction with the planning authority. Provision for cyclists shall comply with latest National Cycle Manual and Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets guidance. Where possible new drainage manhole covers should not be located in cycle lanes.

**Reason:** In the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

15. A minimum of 10% of all car parking spaces shall be provided with functioning electric vehicle charging stations/points, and ducting shall be provided for all remaining car parking 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 have 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.

16. Drainage arrangements including the attenuation and disposal of surface water, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services.

Prior to commencement of development the developer shall submit to the planning authority for written agreement a Stage 2 - Detailed Design Stage Storm Water Audit.

Upon Completion of the development, a Stage 3 Completion Stormwater Audit to demonstrate Sustainable Urban Drainage System measures have been installed, and are working as designed and that there has been no misconnections or damage to storm water drainage infrastructure during construction, shall be submitted to the planning authority for written agreement.

**Reason:** In the interests of public health and surface water management.

17. 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.

All planting shall be adequately protected from damage until established. Any plants which die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased, within a period of five years from the completion of the development shall be replaced within the next planting season with others of similar size and species, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the planning authority.

**Reason:** In the interests of residential and visual amenity.

18. (a) Prior to commencement of development, all trees, groups of trees, hedging and shrubs which are to be retained shall be enclosed within stout fences not less than 1.5 metres in height. This protective fencing shall enclose an area covered by the crown spread of the branches, or at minimum a radius of two metres from the trunk of the tree or the centre of the shrub, and to a distance of two metres on each side of the hedge for its full length, and shall be maintained until the development has been completed.

(b) No construction equipment, machinery or materials shall be brought onto the site for the purpose of the development until all the trees which are to be retained have been protected by this fencing. No work is shall be carried out within the area enclosed by the fencing and, in particular, there shall be no parking of vehicles, placing of site huts, storage compounds or topsoil heaps, storage of oil, chemicals or other substances, and no lighting of fires, over the root spread of any tree to be retained.

(c) Excavations in preparation for foundations and drainage, and all works above ground level in the immediate vicinity of trees to be retained shall be carried out under the supervision of a specialist arborist, in a manner that will ensure that all major roots are protected and all branches are retained.

**Reason:** To protect trees and planting during the construction period in the interest of visual amenity.

19. A schedule of landscape maintenance shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to occupation of the development. This schedule shall cover a period of at least three years and shall include details of the arrangements for its implementation.

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

20. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall lodge with the planning authority a cash deposit, a bond of an insurance company or such other security as may be accepted in writing by the planning authority, to secure the protection of the trees on site to be retained and to make good any damage caused during the construction period, coupled with an agreement empowering the planning authority to apply such security, or part thereof, to the satisfactory protection of any tree or trees on the site or the replacement of any such trees which die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased within a period of three years from the substantial completion of the development with others of similar size and species. 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 secure the protection of the trees on the site.

21. 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 6 months from the date of commencement of the development. Thereafter, the waste shall be managed in accordance with the agreed plan. This plan shall provide for screened communal bin stores, the locations and designs of which shall be included in the details to be submitted.

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



22. 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 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.

23. 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.

24. 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 tree protection measures;
- (d) Details of site security fencing and hoardings;
- (e) Details of on-site car parking facilities for site workers during the course of construction;
- (f) 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.
- (g) Measures to obviate queuing of construction traffic on the adjoining road network;
- (h) Measures to prevent the spillage or deposit of clay, rubble or other debris on the public road network;
- (i) Details of appropriate mitigation measures for noise, dust and vibration, and monitoring of such levels;
- (j) 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;
- (k) Off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste and details of how it is proposed to manage excavated soil;
- (l) Means to ensure that surface water run-off is controlled such that no silt or other pollutants enter local surface water sewers or drains.
- (m) 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 interests of amenities, public health and safety.

25. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0700 to 1900 Mondays to Saturdays inclusive, 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.

26. 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.

27. 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.

28. The developer shall facilitate the archaeological appraisal of the site and shall provide for the preservation, recording and protection of archaeological materials or features which may exist within the site. In this regard, the developer shall:

- (a) notify the planning authority in writing at least four weeks prior to the commencement of any site operation (including hydrological and geotechnical investigations) relating to the proposed development, and
- (b) employ a suitably qualified archaeologist prior to the commencement of development. The archaeologist shall assess the site and monitor all site development works. The assessment shall address the following issues:
  - (i) the nature and location of archaeological material on the site, and
  - (ii) the impact of the proposed development on such archaeological material.

A report, containing the results of the assessment, shall be submitted to the planning authority and, arising from this assessment, the developer shall agree in writing with the planning authority details regarding any further archaeological requirements (including, if necessary, archaeological excavation) prior to commencement of construction works.

In default of agreement on any of these requirements, the matter shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

**Reason:** In order to conserve the archaeological heritage of the area and to secure the preservation (in-situ or by record) and protection of any archaeological remains that may exist within the site.

29. 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 the Scheme shall be subject to the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland Tender Price Index provisions 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.

