

Board Order ABP-308405-20

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020 Planning Authority: Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Planning Register Reference Number: D20A/0510

Appeal by Ultan Carroll of 20 Old Rectory Park, Dundrum, Dublin against the decision made on the 15th day of September, 2020 by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Mind and Body Works care of Olga Keenan Architects of 26 Braemor Drive, Churchtown, Dublin in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

Proposed Development: Demolition of rear single storey out-house and rear single storey return, provision of two-storey rear extension to accommodate counselling and psychotherapy rooms and extension of staircase at second floor level, provision of dormer window and conversion of attic to Number 4 to child therapy room, change of use from existing offices throughout to counselling and psychotherapy use, alterations to shop front and entrance doors including new signage, alterations to first floor front window openings and alterations to front facade, provision of new rooflights to existing front roof plane and associated ancillary works, all at 3 and 4 Main Street Lower, Dundrum, 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 provisions of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan 2016 - 2022, to the 'Major Town Centre' zoning objective for the site, and to the nature, form, scale and design of the proposed development, it is 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 and would, therefore, 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 development shall be modified as follows:
 - (a) The existing style of fenestration to the front of the premises shall be retained at first floor level to provide for two windows only of similar style and proportions to the existing window openings at this location.
 - (b) The glazing within the existing dormer at Number 3 Lower Main Street, the proposed dormer at Number 4 and the proposed window serving the stairwell shall be glazed with obscure glass.

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

Reason: In the interests of visual and residential amenity.

3. The external finishes of the proposed extension shall be the same as those of the existing premises in respect of colour and texture unless otherwise agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

4. Water supply and drainage arrangements, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

5. 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 and dust management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

Reason: In the interest of traffic safety and to protect the amenities of the area.

6. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0700 and 1900 from Mondays to Fridays inclusive, between 0800 and 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: To protect the amenities of the area.

7. 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 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.

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

Dated this day of 2021.