

Board Order ABP-308855-20

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Limerick City and County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 20/466

Appeal by Rafal Wasik of 16 Bourke Avenue, Edward Street, Limerick against the decision made on the 12th day of November, 2020 by Limerick City and County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Cherryfox Developments Limited care of Roy O'Shea of 20 Lower Hartstonge Street, Limerick in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: The application to the planning authority was for a development consisting of eight number dwellings, including four number one bedroom apartments and four number two bedroom duplex units, the demolition of existing warehouse building, landscaping and ancillary works at a site adjacent to numbers 16 and 17 A Bourke Avenue, Limerick. Further public notices were submitted to the planning authority on the 16th day of October, 2020 which revised the development as follows: A development of six dwellings, including three number one bedroom apartments and three number two bedroom duplex units, the demolition of existing warehouse building, landscaping and ancillary 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

Having regard to the location of the site on residentially zoned lands, to the existing pattern of development in the area, and to the scale and layout 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 amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity, would not be prejudicial to public health 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.

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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 on the 16th day of October, 2020 and by the further plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 14th day of January, 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. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed development shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

3. Prior to commencement of development, details of a soft and hard landscaping scheme and boundary treatment for the site shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority.

Reason: In the interests of residential and visual amenity.

4. 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 and to ensure a proper standard of development.

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

Reason: In the interest of public health.

6. Entrance from the public road and the internal road network serving the development including turning bays, parking areas, footpaths, verges and kerbs shall be in accordance with the detailed requirements of the planning authority for such works.

Reason: In the interests of amenities and public safety.

7. All service cables associated with the proposed development (such as electrical, communal television, telephone and public lighting cables) shall be run underground within the site. In this regard, ducting shall be provided to facilitate the provision of broadband infrastructure within the development.

Reason: In the interests of orderly development and the visual amenities of the area.

8. 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.

Reason: In the interests of amenity and public safety.

 All rear garden walls shall be 1.8 metres high 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 interests of residential and visual amenity.

10 Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall submit to, and agree in writing with, the planning authority a plan containing details for the management of waste within the development.

Reason: In the interest of the residential amenities of the area.

11. 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 traffic management measures and noise management measures.

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

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. 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.

13. Site development and building works shall be carried out between the hours of 0800 to 1900 Mondays to Fridays inclusive, between 0800 to 1400 hours on Saturdays and not at all on Sundays or public holidays. Deviation from these times shall 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.

14. The management and maintenance of the proposed development following its completion shall be the responsibility of a legally constituted management company or by the local authority in the event of the development being taken in charge. Detailed proposals for this shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: To ensure the satisfactory completion and maintenance of this development.

15. 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.

16. 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 the 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.

Chris McGarry

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.

Dated this day of 2021.