

Board Order ABP-309329-21

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

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Appeal by Niamh Ward care of Joe Bonner of The Airport Hub, Unit 1, Furry Park, Old Swords Road, Santry, Dublin against the decision made on the 6th day of January, 2021 by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Demolition of three number existing commercial structures and construction of two number independent buildings, consisting of - (1) A four-storey building to street (Monkstown Farm) containing: (i) access and car parking, all at ground floor, (ii) APT 1- one number one bed apartment with private terrace to street; APT 2- one number one bed apartment with private terrace to rear elevation; all at first floor level, (iii) APT 3- one number two bed duplex apartment with private terrace to the street; at first and second floor levels, (iv) APT 4- one number three bed duplex apartment with private terraces to the rear and street elevations; APT 5- one number two bed duplex apartment with private terraces to the street and rear elevations; all at second and third floor level. (2) A two-storey building to the south-western (rear) boundary of site, containing; (i) APT 6- one number two

bed apartment with terraces at ground and first floor. Development to include for vehicular access off Monkstown Farm with five number car parking spaces, 25 (including five visitors) bicycle spaces, bin storage, storage units and communal landscaped garden area, all to the ground floor; Rooflights, green roofs, PV panels to roof and all associated site and landscaping works at 3 Matthew Terrace, Monkstown Farm, Dún Laoghaire, 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 land use zoning of the site as 'NC - Neighbourhood Centre' and the provisions of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County

Development Plan 2016 – 2022, the infill nature of the site located in an established urban area within walking distance of local services, including public transport links, the 'Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments, Guidelines for Planning Authorities, 2020', the scale, design and density of the proposed development, and the nature and pattern of development in the vicinity, 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 or of property in the vicinity 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.

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. 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. 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.

4. Water supply and drainage arrangements, including the attenuation and disposal of surface water, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services. Details in this regard shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

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. 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

- (a) The internal road network serving the proposed development, including turning bays, parking areas, footpaths and kerbs, and the junction with the public road shall be in accordance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS).
 - (b) All parking spaces within the undercroft area shall make provision for electric vehicle charging.

Reason: In the interests of amenity, traffic and pedestrian safety and sustainable transport.

- 8. A comprehensive landscaping scheme shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This scheme shall include the following:
 - (a) details of all proposed hard surface finishes, including samples of proposed paving slabs/materials for footpaths, kerbing and road surfaces within the development,

- (b) proposed locations of trees and other landscape planting in the development, including details of proposed species and settings, and
- (c) details of proposed street furniture, including bollards, lighting fixtures and seating.

The landscaping shall be carried out in accordance with the agreed scheme.

Reason: In the interest of visual and residential amenity.

9. Proposals for an apartment name and numbering scheme and associated signage shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. The proposed name 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 placenames for new residential areas.

10. A plan containing details for the management of waste for the apartment blocks, including the provision of facilities for the storage, separation and collection of the waste and, in particular, recyclable materials 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.

11. 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 commencement of development.

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

12. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0800 to 1900 Mondays to Fridays inclusive, between the hours of 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.

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. 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.

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 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.

Dave Walsh

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

Dated this 17th day of November 2021.