

Board Order ABP-309993-21

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: D20A/0625

Appeal by Churchtown Residents Association and Company care of Helen Finn, Honorary Secretary, 176 Meadow Grove, Dundrum, Dublin against the decision made on the 24th day of March, 2021 by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Eoin Hinchy and Edana Gorham care of ODKM Architects of 39 Fitzwilliam Street Upper, Dublin in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council:

Proposed Development: (a) Construction of a new part two-storey/part single storey detached three-bedroom mews dwelling with a floor area of 174.2 square metres, (b) Blocking up of existing vehicular entrance facing Weston Road and creation of a new 5,075 millimetre wide vehicular entrance containing two number car gates facing Weston Road to serve proposed dwelling, (c) Creation of two number pedestrian gates to existing boundary to access the front and rear gardens of the proposed dwelling, (d) Off-street parking for two number vehicles to proposed dwelling, (e) Construction of a new boundary wall to replace existing substandard wall and fence and forming the external wall of the proposed dwelling at ground floor level, with two number openings to courtyards, and (f) All landscaping, boundary treatments

and ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development at a 0.0245 hectare site to the rear of 75 Beaumont Avenue, Churchtown, 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 nature, extent and design of the development proposed, to the general character and pattern of development in the area and to the provisions of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan 2016-2022, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the visual or residential amenities of property in the vicinity and would not be out of character with the area. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



Conditions

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 25th day of February 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 secondary timber screen to prevent overlooking located at first floor level on the western elevation shall extend the entire width of the western elevation and comprise similarly angled screening as that proposed to the kitchen's western window, that is to be at an angle of 45 degrees in order to allow south westerly views only.

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: To maintain residential amenity and prevent overlooking of adjoining residential property.

3. Development described in Classes 1 or 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, or any statutory provision modifying or replacing them, shall not be carried out within the curtilage of the proposed dwelling house without a prior grant of planning permission.

Reason: In order to ensure that a reasonable amount of private open space is provided for the benefit of the occupants of the proposed dwelling.

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

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

- 5. All street trees on and near the boundaries of the site shall be retained and maintained, with the exception of the following:
 - (a) Specific trees, the removal of which is authorised in writing by the planning authority to facilitate the development.
 - (b) Trees which are agreed in writing by the planning authority to be dead, dying or dangerous through disease or storm damage, following submission of a qualified tree surgeon's report, and which shall be replaced with agreed specimens.

Retained trees shall be protected from damage during construction works. Within a period of six months following the substantial completion of the proposed development, any planting which is damaged or dies shall be replaced with others of similar size and species, together with replacement planting required under paragraph (b) of this condition.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

- 6. (a) Prior to commencement of development, all street trees 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 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.

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

7. Drainage arrangements including the attenuation of surface water shall be agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to the commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

8. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall enter into a water and/or wastewater connection agreement with Irish Water.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

9. Site development and building works shall be carried out between the hours of 0700 to 1800 hours Mondays to Fridays inclusive, and between 0800 and 1400 hours on Saturdays and not at all on Sundays and public holidays. Deviations 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.

 All service cables associated with the proposed development (such as electrical, telecommunications and communal television) shall be located underground.

Reason: In the interests of visual and residential amenity.

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

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

12. 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 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.

13. 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 acceptable to the planning authority, to secure the reinstatement of public roads and footpaths which may be damaged by the transport of materials to the site, coupled with an agreement empowering the planning authority to apply such security or part thereof to the satisfactory reinstatement of the public road. 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: In the interest of traffic safety and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

14. 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.

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board

Dated this 24 day of November