

Board Order ABP-311266-21

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Fingal County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: F21A/0131

Appeal by Kevin O'Donoghue care of Hughes Planning and Development Consultants of 85 Merrion Square, Dublin against the decision made on the 5th day of August, 2021 by Fingal County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: (i) Demolition of existing single-storey cottage; (ii) construction of four-storey residential apartment block comprising four number apartments (two number one-bedroom and two number two-bedroom units) with each apartment served by private amenity space in the form of a balcony or courtyard and provided with access to a shared vehicular parking area of three number spaces; (iii) provision of shared bin storage and bicycle parking area; and (iv) all ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development including boundary treatment and SuDs drainage, at Number 5 Gas Yard Lane, Malahide, 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.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the nature and scale of the proposed residential development within a Town Centre zoning objective, it is considered that the proposed development would be in accordance with the provisions of the Fingal County Development Plan 2017 - 2023 and the "Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments", issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage in December. It is further 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. 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 received by the planning authority on the 13th day of July 2021 and by the further information received by An Bord Pleanála on the 1st day of September 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.

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Reason: In the interest of clarity.

 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. 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 prior to commencement of development. Thereafter, the waste shall be managed in accordance with the agreed plan.

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

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. 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 and shall be agreed in writing prior to the commencement of development. For the avoidance of doubt, the permitted scheme is the scheme that was submitted with the appeal to An Bord Pleanála on the 1st day of September, 2021.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

 A comprehensive boundary treatment and landscaping scheme shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority, prior to commencement of development.

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

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

8. 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.

9. 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 hours of working, noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

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

10. The site works and building works required to implement the development shall only be carried out between 0700 hours and 1800 hours from Mondays to Fridays, between 0800 hours and 1400 hours on Saturdays and not at all on Sundays or public holidays.

Reason: To safeguard the residential amenities of adjacent dwellings.

11. Proposals for the development name and apartment numbering scheme and associated signage shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Thereafter, signs and numbers, shall be provided in accordance with the agreed scheme. No advertisements/marketing signage relating to the name of the development shall be erected until the developer has obtained the planning authority's written agreement to the proposed name.

Reason: In the interest of urban legibility, and to ensure the use of locally appropriate place names for new residential areas.

12. 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.

13. 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.

DR. Maria Fitzgerald

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

Dated this 17 day of January 2023.