

## Board Order ABP-311370-21

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: ref10521

WHEREAS a question has arisen as to whether the use of TRC House, Dundrum Road, Dublin for residential use, as provided for under article 10(6) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, is exempt development. This declaration excludes the lower ground floor area identified on drawing number 0213 titled 'Proposed Lower Ground Floor Plan':

**AND WHEREAS** Dundrum TRC Limited care of Declan Brassil and Company Limited of Lincoln House, Lincoln Lane, Arran Quay, Dublin, requested a declaration on this question from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the Council issued a declaration on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021 stating that the matter was development and was not exempted development:

**AND WHEREAS** Dundrum TRC Limited referred the declaration for review to An Bord Pleanála on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021:

**AND WHEREAS** An Bord Pleanála restated the question as whether the use of TRC House for shared accommodation/co-living use, is development or is exempted development:

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**AND WHEREAS** An Bord Pleanála, in considering this referral, had regard particularly to –

- (a) Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended,
- (b) Articles 5, 6, 9 and 10 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended,
- (c) the Planning and Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2018 (S.I. No. 30 of 2018),
- (d) the Sustainable Urban housing: Design Standards for New Apartments –
  Guidelines for Planning Authorities (December 2020)
- (e) the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Development Plan 2022-2028, and
- (f) the report of the Inspector:

## AND WHEREAS An Bord Pleanála has concluded that -

- (a) the development was commenced during the relevant period in accordance with Article 10(6)(b) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended,
- (b) the internal works to facilitate the residential use would constitute "works" that are "development" under Section 3 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and come with the scope of section 4(1)(h) of that Act, and

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(c) the development does not come within the scope of Article 10(6)(d)(vi) of those Regulations as the dwelling floor areas and storage spaces do not comply with the minimum floor area requirements and minimum storage space requirements of the Sustainable Urban Housing Design Standards for New Apartments – Guidelines for Planning Authorities, December 2020, issued under section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended:

NOW THEREFORE An Bord Pleanála, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 5 (3) (a) of the 2000 Act, hereby decides that the use of TRC House, Dundrum Road, Dublin for shared accommodation/co-living use is development and is not exempted development.

John Connolly

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

Dated this 17 day of MAY 2022.