

Board Order ABP-312216-21

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Associated Reference Number: ABP-303978-19

REQUEST received by An Bord Pleanála on the 14th day of December 2021 from Dwyer Nolan Developments Limited care of Armstrong Fenton Associates of 13 Seapoint Building, 44/45 Clontarf Road, Clontarf, Dublin under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of a permitted Strategic Housing Development of demolition of an existing house and outbuildings and construction of 30 no. houses and 173 no. apartments, childcare facility and all associated site works at a site at Glenamuck Road South, Kiltiernan, Dublin 18,m the subject of a permission under An Bord Pleanála Reference Number ABP-303978-19.

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to grant permission, subject to 31 conditions, for the above-mentioned development by Order dated the 26th day of June 2019,

AND WHEREAS the Board has received a request to alter the terms of the development, the subject of the permission,

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AND WHEREAS the proposed alteration are described as follows:

- Location of proposed amendments to the basement ramp and associated surface and basement parking.
- Proposed location of the proposed additional Electricity Supply Board substation.
- Proposed to remove the creche and provide an additional six number additional apartments in Block H1.
- Proposed to remove the café and provide one number additional apartment in Block G1
- Proposed to provide an additional storey to Block G2 and proposing to add five number additional apartments to this block.
- Proposed to provide an additional storey to Block H2 and proposing to add seven number additional apartments to this block.
- Proposed to provide a new block, titled H3, with a ground floor creche and associated site works to include access road and parking.
- Proposed to omit the permitted Block C.
- Proposed to omit the permitted Block C2.
- Proposed to omit the permitted Block C1.
- Proposed to omit the permitted Block J1.
- Proposed to omit the permitted Block J2.
- Proposed to straighten the road at this location on the site plan.
- Propose to omit the permitted duplex units and open space to the rear and replace those units with four-bedroom houses and associated private hardens with new open space provided which provides pedestrian access to Sheldon Grange Development.

AND WHEREAS the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that the proposed alterations would result in a material alteration to the terms of the development, the subject of the permission,

AND WHEREAS the Board considered that the alterations would result in a material alteration to the terms of the development the subject of the permission,

AND WHEREAS having regard to the nature of the issues involved the Board decided to involve section 146B(8)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, to invite submission or observations in relation to the matter from the members if the public,

AND WHEREAS having considered all of the documents on file and the Inspector's report, the Board considered that the making of the proposed alterations would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment or on any European Site,

NOW THEREFORE in accordance with section 146B(3)(b)(ii)(II) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Board hereby alters the above-mentioned decision so that the permitted development shall be altered, in accordance with the plans and particulars received by the Board, subject to the omission of the requested additional floors to Blocks G2 and H2:

The requested additional floors to Blocks G2 and H2 shall be omitted.

Reason: The requested additional floors would materially contravene the Building Heights Map and section 4.8 of the Kiltiernan Glenamuck Local Area Plan 2013-2023, as extended, which generally provide for building heights of three to four storeys in this area, with up to five storeys at certain locations.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regards to:

- (a) The policies and objectives as set out in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan 2016-2022 and the Kiltiernan Glenamuck Local Area Plan 2013-2023, as extended;
- (b) The provisions of Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness, 2016;
- (c) The provisions of Housing for All, A New Housing Plan for Ireland issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage September 2021;
- (d) The provisions of the Urban Development and Building Heights, Guidelines for Planning Authorities, issued by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in December 2018;
- (e) The provisions of the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS), issued by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in March 2019, as amended;
- (f) The provisions of the Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas and the accompanying Urban Design Manual, A Best Practice Guide, issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in May 2009;
- (g) The provisions of the Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments, Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in December 2020;
- (h) The provisions of the Planning System and Flood Risk Management for Planning Authorities (including the associated Technical Appendices), issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in 2009;
- (i) The nature and scale of the Strategic Housing Development, permitted under An Bord Pleanála Reference Number ABP-303978-19,

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- (j) The examination of the environmental impact, including in relation to European Sites, carried out in the course of that application;
- (k) The limited nature, scale and extent of the alterations;
- (I) The absence of any significant new or additional environmental concerns including in relation to European Sites arising as a result of the proposed alterations,
- (m) The absence of any new or significant issues relating to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area arising from the proposed alterations, and
- (n) The report of the Board's Inspector.

Appropriate Assessment Screening

The Board completed an Appropriate Assessment screening exercise in relation to the potential effects of the proposed development on European Sites, taking into account the nature and scale of the proposed development on serviced lands, the nature of the receiving environment which comprises a built-up urban area, the distances to the nearest European Sites and the hydrological pathway considerations, submissions on file, the information submitted as part of the applicant's Appropriate Assessment Screening documentation and the Inspector's report. In completing the screening exercise, the Board agreed with and adopted the report of the Inspector and that, by itself or in combination with other development, plans and projects in the vicinity, the proposed development would not be likely to have a significant effect on any European Site in view of the Conservation Objectives of such sites, and that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is not, therefore, required.

Environmental Impact Assessment

The Board completed an environmental impact assessment screening of the proposed development and considered that the Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report submitted by the applicant, identifies and describes adequately the direct, indirect, secondary, and cumulative effects of the proposed development on the environment.

Having regard to:

- (a) the nature and scale of the proposed development on an urban site served by public infrastructure,
- (b) the absence of any significant environmental sensitivities in the area,
- (c) the location of the development outside of any sensitive location specified in Article 299(C)(1)(v) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

The Board concluded that, by reason of the nature, scale and location of the subject site, the proposed development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment. The Board decided, therefore, that an environmental impact assessment report for the proposed development was not necessary in this case.

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Conclusions on Proper Planning and Sustainable Development:

The Board considers that the proposed alterations would be material and, subject to compliance with the above condition, the proposed alterations would constitute an acceptable residential density, would not seriously injure the residential or visual amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity, would be acceptable in terms of urban design, height and quantum of development and would be acceptable in terms of traffic and pedestrian safety and convenience.

It is considered that the proposed alterations would not be material. In accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Board hereby makes the said alterations.

Michelle Fagan

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board.

Dated this 12 day of System by