

Board Order ABP-312782-22

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: D21A/1010

Appeal by the Better Value Unlimited Company care of Tony Bamford Planning of Airport Hub, Furry Park, Swords Road, Santry, Dublin against the decision made on the 20th day of January, 2022 by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Part (a) Retention permission for the sub-division and amalgamation of part of the ground floor of unit C01 into the wider store and part change of use from retail warehouse to ancillary "pick store" dedicated to servicing online purchases with a floor area of 223.4 square metres, part (b) permission for the amalgamation and change of use of the ground floor unit of C01 from retail warehouse to an extended Dunnes Stores food sales area currently occupying units C02-C05. Removal of internal escalator and fire exit stairs (including closure of fire exit at the east side of unit C01 connecting the ground floor of C01 to its first floor. The first floor of C01 will remain accessible from the walkway at the west side of the building. The change of use of part of the first floor of unit C02 to ancillary "pick room" dedicated to servicing online purchases. All associated works to carry out and complete the proposed development. Should permission not be granted for Part (b) of this application then permanent retention permission is sought for Part (a) all at Units C01-C05 Beacon South Quarter, Sandyford Business Estate, Sandyford,

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, extent and design of the proposed development and development proposed to be retained, to the general character and pattern of development in the area and to the provisions of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan 2022-2028, the Sandyford Urban Framework Plan contained therein as Appendix 16, the Guidelines for Planning Authorities Retail Planning issued by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in April 2012, and the Retail Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2008-2016 issued by the Regional Planning Guidelines Office, Dublin and Mid-East Regional Authorities, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development and development proposed to be retained would not lead to an over-provision of retail facilities sufficient to undermine the viability of existing businesses in the area, would not adversely impact the vitality and viability of higher order retail locations in the county and would underpin and support the current land use zoning objective MIC that seeks to consolidate and complete the development of the mixed-use inner core to enhance and reinforce sustainable development. The proposed development and development proposed to be retained would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. The development shall be retained, 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 retained, carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. Details of all external signage shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of the visual amenities of the area.

3. Site development and building works shall be carried out between the hours of 0700 to 1800 hours Mondays to Friday 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.

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.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

5. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer or any agent acting on its behalf, shall prepare a Resource Waste Management Plan (RWMP) as set out in the EPA's Best Practice Guidelines for the Preparation of Resource and Waste Management Plans for Construction and Demolition Projects (2021) including demonstration of proposals to adhere to best practice and protocols. The RWMP shall include specific proposals as to how the RWMP will be measured and monitored for effectiveness; these details shall be placed on the file and retained as part of the public record. The RWMP must be submitted to the planning authority for written agreement prior to the commencement of development. All records (including for waste and all resources) pursuant to the agreed RWMP shall be made available for inspection at the site office at all times.

Reason: In the interest of sustainable waste management.

6. Prior to the opening of the development, a Mobility Management Strategy shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority. This shall provide for incentives to encourage the use of public transport, cycling and walking by visitors and staff employed in the development and to reduce and regulate the extent of staff parking. The mobility strategy shall be prepared and implemented by the developer of this retail development. Details to be agreed with the planning authority shall include the provision of centralised facilities within the development for bicycle parking, shower and changing facilities associated with the policies set out in the strategy.

Reason: In the interest of encouraging the use of sustainable modes of transport.

7. 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.

8. The developer shall pay to the planning authority a financial contribution in respect of 'the extension of Luas Line B1 – Sandyford to Cherrywood' in accordance with the terms of the Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme made by the planning authority under section 49 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 Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme made under section 49 of the Act be applied to the permission.

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

Dated this 15 day of November 2023