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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority: Dublin City Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 2928/21**

**Appeal** by Gerard Guidon of 102 Vernon Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin and by others against the decision made on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2022 by Dublin City Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Denali Holdings Limited care of Virtus Project Management of 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, The Glasshouse, 11 Coke Lane, Smithfield, Dublin in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

**Proposed Development:** The proposed development comprises the: (a) construction of three number dwellings comprising: (a) one number three storey (comprising two storey plus dormer) five-bed semi-detached house (circa 237 sqm) and (b) one number three storey (comprising two storey plus dormer) four-bed semi-detached house (circa 198 square metres) to the rear of the existing house at 32 Castilla Park and (b) one number two storey two-bed detached dwelling (circa 130 square metres) to the rear of the existing house at 81 Blackheath Park; (b) removal of existing single storey side extension, provision of new side and rear two-storey extension, partial conversion of attic to provide a study and external alterations at 32 Castilla Park. Number 32, which will remain a three-bed semi-detached house, will extend to circa 135 square metres (an increase in floorspace of circa 47

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square metres; (c) new vehicular and pedestrian access from Castilla Park; and (d) the development will also include for associated all site development works, including internal access roads, drainage and hard and soft landscaping (including boundary treatments), off-street car parking, bin storage, and all other ancillary works at 32 Castilla Park and 81 Blackheath Park, Clontarf, 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 pattern of development in the area and its residential zoning under the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028, and in line with Policy QHSN6 of the Plan, to promote and support residential consolidation and sustainable intensification through the consideration of applications for infill development, mews development, development of houses on backland areas and the totality of the documentation submitted with the application including the Ecological Impact Assessment, the submissions and observations made on appeal, it is considered that, subject to compliance with conditions below and any mitigation measures as required by condition number 2, the proposed houses would not seriously injure the character of the area or the amenities of property in the vicinity and would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



## Conditions

1. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, as amended by the further plans and particulars submitted to the planning authority on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022, 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 mitigation measures and monitoring commitments identified in the Ecological Impact Assessment Report, the Arboricultural Report and other plans and particulars submitted with the application shall be carried out in full except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with other conditions.

Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall submit a schedule of mitigation measures and monitoring commitments identified in the Ecological Impact Assessment Report, and details of a time schedule for implementation of the mitigation measures and associated monitoring, to the planning authority for written agreement.

**Reason:** In the interest of clarity and protection of the environment during the construction and operational phases of the proposed development.



3. Surface water drainage arrangements, including the attenuation and disposal of surface water, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services. Details in relation to the provision of a soakpit shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to the commencement of development.

**Reason:** In the interests of public health and surface water management.

4. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed dwellings 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. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0700 to 1900 Mondays to Fridays inclusive, between 0800 to 1400 hours on Saturdays and not at all on Sundays and public holidays unless prohibited by the schedule of mitigation measures submitted as required by condition number 2 above. Deviation 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 amenities of property in the vicinity.

6. 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.



7. The internal road network serving the proposed development, including turning bays, junctions, parking areas, footpaths and kerbs and the underground car park shall be in accordance with the detailed construction standards of the planning authority for such works and design standards outlined in the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets. In default of agreement the matter(s) in dispute shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination. In particular:
- (a) The roads and traffic arrangements serving the site (including signage) shall be in accordance with the detailed requirements of the planning authority for such works and shall be carried out at the developer's expense.
  - (b) The roads layout shall comply with the requirements of the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets, in particular carriageway widths and corner radii.
  - (c) Pedestrian crossing facilities shall be provided at all junctions.
  - (d) The materials used in any roads/footpaths provided by the developer shall comply with the detailed standards of the planning authority for such road works.
  - (e) A detailed construction traffic management plan, including a mobility management plan, shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. The plan shall include details of arrangements for routes for construction traffic, parking during the construction phase, the location of the compound for storage of plant and machinery and the location for storage of deliveries to the site.



- (f) A maximum six number car parking spaces shall serve the proposed development.

**Reason:** In the interests of traffic, cyclist and pedestrian safety and to protect residential amenity.

8. The site development and construction works shall be carried out in such a manner as to ensure that the adjoining roads are kept clear of debris, soil and other material, and cleaning works shall be carried on the adjoining public roads by the developer and at the developer's expense on a daily basis.

**Reason:** To protect the residential amenities of property in the vicinity.

9. Public lighting shall be provided in accordance with a scheme, which shall include lighting along pedestrian routes through open spaces, details of which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Such lighting shall be provided prior to the making available for occupation of any dwelling.

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



10. The construction of the development shall be managed in accordance with a Final Construction and Environmental Management Plan, which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This plan shall provide, inter alia, details and location of proposed construction compounds, details of intended construction practice for the development, including noise management measures, details of arrangements for routes for construction traffic, parking during the construction phase, and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste and/or by-products.

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

11. Prior to commencement of any permitted development, the developer shall engage the services of a qualified arborist as an arboricultural consultant, for the entire period of construction activity. The developer shall inform the planning authority in writing of the appointment and name of the consultant, prior to commencement of development. The consultant shall visit the site at a minimum on a monthly basis, to ensure the implementation of all of the recommendations in the tree reports and plans. To ensure the protection of trees to be retained within the site, the developer shall implement all the recommendations pertaining to tree retention, tree protection and tree works, as detailed in the in the submitted Tree Survey Report. All tree felling, surgery and remedial works shall be completed upon completion of the works. All works on retained trees shall comply with proper arboricultural techniques conforming to BS 3998: 2010 Tree Work – Recommendations. The clearance of any vegetation including trees and shrub shall be carried out outside the bird-breeding season (1 March–31 August inclusive) or as stipulated under the Wildlife Acts 1976 and 2000. The arborist shall carry out a post construction tree survey and assessment on the condition of the retained trees. A completion certificate is to be signed off by the arborist when all permitted development works are completed and

in line with the recommendations of the tree report. The certificate shall be submitted to the planning authority upon completion of the works.

**Reason:** To ensure and give practical effect to the retention, protection and sustainability of trees during and after construction of the permitted development.

12. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall enter into an agreement with the planning authority, pursuant to section 47 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), which shall allow for the provision of shared access over the proposed access way. This shared access shall make provision for facilitating the possible future development of lands to the west, north and east.

**Reason:** In the interest of co-ordinated development.

13. 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 reinstatement of public roads which may be damaged by the transport of materials to the site, 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.





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



15. The developer shall pay to the planning authority a financial contribution in lieu of the public open space requirement in respect of public open space 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.



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**Peter Mullan**

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



Dated this *24<sup>th</sup>* day of *July*, 2023.