

# Board Order ABP-313043-22

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

**Planning Authority: Dublin City Council** 

**Application** for permission under section 4 of the Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016, as amended, in accordance with plans and particulars, lodged with An Bord Pleanála on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022 by 1 Terenure Land Limited care of McGill Planning Limited of 22 Wicklow Street, Dublin.

## **Proposed Development comprises of the following:**

The development will consist of the construction of five number blocks with Blocks 4 and 5 linked throughout, ranging in height up to six storeys.

- (a) This will provide 208 number residential units (104 number one-bedroom and 104 number two-bedroom). All residential units have associated private balconies or terraces to the north, south, east, and west elevations.
- (b) Provision of 100 number car parking, 484 number bicycle parking and six number motorcycle spaces located at under croft and surface level. Vehicular, pedestrian and cyclist access is provided off Kimmage Road West via the existing Ben Dunne Gym access route.
- (c) All associated site development works, public open spaces, podium and ground level communal open space, landscaping, boundary treatments, plant and waste management areas, and services provision, including Electricity Supply Board substations with be provided.

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(d) Upgrades to the Irish Water network along Kimmage Road West are also accommodated all located at "Carlisle", Kimmage Road West, Terenure, Dublin 12.

## 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**

In coming to its decision, the Board had regard to the following:

- (a) The location of the site on lands with a zoning objective for Residential development;
- (b) The policies and objectives as set out in the Dublin County Development Plan 2016-2022 and appendices contained therein;
- (c) The nature, scale and design of the proposed development and the availability of social and transport infrastructure in the area;
- (d) The pattern of existing and permitted development in the area;
- (e) The provisions of Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness 2016;
- (f) The provisions of Housing for All, A New Housing Plan for Ireland issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage September 2021;
- (g) The provisions of the Guidelines for Sustainable Residential Developments 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;

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- (h) 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;
- (i) The provisions of the Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments, Guidelines for Planning Authorities, issued by the Department of the Housing and Planning and Local Government, December 2020;
- (j) 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;
- (k) The submissions and observations received,
- (I) The Chief Executive's Report and supporting technical reports of Dublin City Council;
- (m) The comments made at the Dublin City Council South-East Area Committee meeting, and
- (n) The Planning Inspectors report.

# **Appropriate Assessment:**

The Board completed an Appropriate Assessment screening exercise in relation to the potential effects of the proposed development on designated European Sites, taking into account the nature, scale and location of the proposed development within a suitably zoned and adequately serviced urban site, the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report submitted with the application, the Inspector's Report, and submissions on file. In completing the screening exercise, the Board adopted the report of the Inspector and concluded that, by itself or in combination with other development 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.

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## **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, which contains the information set out in Schedule 7A to the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, identifies and describes adequately the direct, indirect, secondary and cumulative effects of the proposed development on the environment.

### Having regard to:

- The nature and scale of the proposed development, which is below the threshold in respect of Class 10(b)(iv) and Class 13 of Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended,
- Class 14 of Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended,
- The location of the site on lands governed by zoning objective Z1, 'to protect,
  provide and improve residential amenities', in the Dublin City Development
  Plan 2016-2022, and the results of the strategic environmental assessment of
  the Dublin City Development Plan undertaken in accordance with the Strategic
  Environmental Assessment Directive 2001/42/EC,
- The existing use on the site and pattern of development in the surrounding area.
- The planning history relating to the site,
- The availability of mains water and wastewater services to serve the proposed development,
- 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 guidance set out in the provisions of the Environmental Impact
   Assessment (EIA) Guidance for Consent Authorities regarding Sub-threshold
   Development, issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and
   Local Government (2003),

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- The criteria as set out in Schedule 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and
- The features and measures proposed by applicant envisaged to avoid or prevent what might otherwise be significant effects on the environment, including measures identified in the Construction and Demolition Management Plan.

It is considered that the proposed development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment and that the preparation and submission of an environmental impact assessment report would not, therefore, be required.

# Conclusions on Proper Planning and Sustainable Development

The Board considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would constitute an acceptable residential density at this location, 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, as well as in terms of pedestrian and traffic and would provide an acceptable form of residential amenity for future occupants.

The Board considered that the proposed development is, apart from the building height parameters, unit mix and number of units per core, broadly compliant with the current Dublin City Council Development Plan 2016-2022 and would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The Board considers that, while a grant of permission for the proposed Strategic Housing Development would not materially contravene a zoning objective of the Development Plan, it would materially contravene the plan with respect to building height, unit mix and number of units per core. The Board considers that, having regard to the provisions of section 37(2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the grant of permission in material contravention of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 would be justified for the following reasons and considerations:

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- With regard to section 37(2)(b)(i) Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the proposed development is in accordance with the definition of Strategic Housing Development, as set out in section 3 of the Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016, as amended, and delivers on the Government's policy to increase delivery of housing from its current under supply as set out in Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness issued in July 2016.
- With regard to section 37(2)(b)(iii) Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the proposed development in terms of height is in accordance with national policy as set out in Project Ireland 2040 National Planning Framework, specifically National Policy Objective 13 and National Policy Objective 35, and is in compliance with the Urban Development and Building Height Guidelines for Planning Authorities, issued by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in December 2018, in particular Specific Planning Policy Requirement 3. In addition, the unit mix and number of apartments per core is in compliance with 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, in particular Specific Planning Policy Requirement 1 and Specific Planning Policy Requirement 6.

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## Conditions

1. The development shall be 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, or as otherwise stipulated by conditions hereunder, and the development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars. In default of agreement the matter(s) in dispute shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

- 2. (a) All elevations shall be finished in brick or similar material but shall not include the use of self-coloured or coloured render.
  - (b) Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed building shall be as submitted with the application, unless otherwise agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. In default of agreement the matter(s) in dispute shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

**Reason:** In the interest of visual amenity.

 No additional development shall take place above roof parapet level, including lift motor enclosures, air handling equipment, storage tanks, ducts or other external plant, telecommunication aerials, antennas or equipment, unless authorised by a further grant of planning permission.

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

4. Proposals for a development name and numbering scheme and associated signage shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Thereafter, all such names and numbering shall be provided in accordance with the agreed scheme.

Reason: In the interest of urban legibility.

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

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

6. 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.

7. The road network serving the proposed development, including turning bays, junction with the public road, parking areas, footpaths and kerbs, access road to service areas and the undercroft car park shall be in accordance with the detailed construction standards of the planning authority for such works and with the relevant 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. In default of agreement the matter(s) in dispute shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

Reason: In the interests of amenity and of traffic and pedestrian safety.

8. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall submit to and agree in writing with, the planning authority, a revised drawing detailing the proposed changes including improvements to the pedestrian footpath to the existing junction between the private access road to the site and the public road.

Reason: In the interest of traffic and pedestrian safety.

- 9. (a) The car parking facilities hereby permitted shall be reserved solely to serve the proposed development. All car parking spaces shall be assigned permanently for the residential development and shall be reserved solely for that purpose. These residential spaces shall not be utilised for any other purpose.
  - (b) Two of the car parking spaces shall be reserved solely for the use by a car sharing club. The developer shall notify the planning authority of any change in the status of this car sharing club.

(c) Prior to the occupation of the development, a Parking Management Plan shall be prepared for the development and shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority.

**Reason:** To ensure that adequate parking facilities are permanently available to serve the proposed residential units and the remaining development.

10. A minimum of 10% of all car parking spaces should be provided with functioning electric vehicle charging stations or points, and ducting shall be provided for all remaining car parking spaces, including in-curtilage spaces, facilitating the installation of electric vehicle charging points or stations at a later date. Where proposals relating to the installation of electric vehicle ducting and charging stations or points has not been submitted with the application, in accordance with the above noted requirements, such proposals shall be submitted and agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to the occupation of the development. The car parking spaces for sole use of the car sharing club shall also be provided with functioning electric vehicle charging stations or points.

**Reason:** To provide for and or future proof the development such as would facilitate the use of electric vehicles.

 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 interests of public health and surface water management.

 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.

13. The site shall be landscaped in accordance with the detailed comprehensive scheme of landscaping, which accompanied the application submitted, unless otherwise agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interests of residential and visual amenity.

14. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall lodge with the planning authority a cash deposit, a bond of an insurance company or such other security as may be accepted in writing by the planning authority, to secure the protection of the trees on site and to make good any damage caused during the construction period, coupled with an agreement empowering the planning authority to apply such security, or part thereof, to the satisfactory protection of any tree or trees on the site or the replacement of any such trees which die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased within a period of three years from the substantial completion of the development with others of similar size and species. 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 secure the protection of the trees on the site.

- 15. (a) The communal open spaces, including hard and soft landscaping, car parking areas and access ways, communal refuse and bin storage, and all areas not intended to be taken in charge by the local authority, shall be maintained by a legally constituted management company.
  - (b) Details of the management company contract and plans and particulars describing the parts of the development for which the company would have responsibility, shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority before any of the residential units are made available for occupation.

**Reason:** To provide for the satisfactory future maintenance of this development in the interest of residential amenity.

- 16. (a) 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 not later than six months from the date of commencement of the development. Thereafter, the waste shall be managed in accordance with the agreed plan.
  - (b) This plan shall provide for screened communal bin stores, the locations and designs of which shall be included in the details to be submitted.

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

17. 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, noise management measures, construction traffic management measures, alternative arrangements to be put in place for pedestrians and vehicles in the case of the closure of any public road or footpath during the course of site development works, and off-site disposal of construction and demolition waste.

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

18. 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. 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 residential amenities of property in the vicinity.

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19. Prior to commencement of development, the applicant or other person with an interest in the land to which the application relates shall enter into an agreement in writing with the planning authority in relation to the provision of housing in accordance with the requirements of section 94(4) and section 96(2) and (3) (Part V) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, unless an exemption certificate shall have been applied for and been granted under section 97 of the Act, as amended. Where such an agreement is not reached within eight weeks from the date of this order, the matter in dispute (other than a matter to which section 96(7) applies) may be referred by the planning authority or any other prospective party to the agreement to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

**Reason**: To comply with the requirements of Part V of the Planning and development Act 2000, as amended, and of the housing strategy in the development plan of the area.

20. 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 and maintenance until taken in charge by the local authority of roads, footpaths, watermains, drains, public 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 or maintenance 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 and maintenance of the development until taken in charge.

21. 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.

**Chris McGarry** 

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

Dated this

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