

Board Order ABP-313308-22

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: D21A/0571

Appeal by Deirdre McArdle care of Scott Tallon Walker Architects of 19 Merrion Square, Dublin against the decision made on the 14th day of March, 2022 by Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Ruth Lemass and Hazel Keane care of Gilna Architecture of 34 Mount Drummond Square, Harold's Cross, Dublin in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Four number semi-detached three-storey houses, with vehicular, pedestrian access, new road frontage treatment onto Wilson Road, and associated site works, all at site adjacent to 54 Wilson Road, Mount Merrion, Blackrock, County Dublin, and to the rear of 42 Greenfield Road, Mount Merrion, Blackrock, County 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 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan 2022-2028, the zoning objective of the site, the nature and scale of the proposed development, and the existing pattern of development in the vicinity, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would respect the character of existing development in the area, would be acceptable in terms of visual impact, would not seriously injure the residential amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity, would provide a suitable level of amenity for future occupants in accordance with the provisions of the Development Plan and would be acceptable in terms of pedestrian and traffic safety and convenience. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

The proposed development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, as amended by the further plans and particulars received by the planning authority on the 16th day of February, 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 proposed development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

 All windows on the side elevations of the proposed dwellings at first and second-floor levels shall be permanently fitted with obscure glazing.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.

3. The disposal of surface water shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall submit details for the disposal of surface water from the site for the written agreement of the planning authority.

Reason: To prevent flooding and in the interest of sustainable drainage.

4. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall enter into a water and/or wastewater connection agreement(s) with Uisce Eireann.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

5. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed development shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

- 6. The developer shall comply with the following requirements:
 - (a) The vehicular entrances shall be a maximum of 3.5 metres wide.
 - (b) The footpath and kerbs shall be dished, and the new driveways constructed to the technical requirements of the planning authority.
 - (c) The surface treatment of the car parking areas shall comprise of a permeable material.
 - (d) No gates shall open across a public footpath.

Reason: In the interest of orderly development and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

 All necessary measures shall be taken by the contractor to prevent the spillage or deposit of clay, rubble or other debris on adjoining roads during the course of the works.

Reason: To protect the amenities of the area.

8. The construction of the proposed 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. The Plan shall provide details of intended construction practice for the proposed development, including noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

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

9. 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 or public holidays. Deviation from these times shall 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.

10. Proposals for a house name and/or numbering scheme and associated signage shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Thereafter, all house names and/or numbers, shall be provided in accordance with the agreed scheme. The proposed name shall be based on local historical or topographical features, or other alternatives acceptable to the planning authority. No advertisements/marketing signage relating to the name of the development shall be erected until the developer has obtained the planning authority's written agreement to the proposed name.

Reason: In the interest of urban legibility and to ensure the use of locally appropriate placenames for new residential areas.

11. 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.

12. 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.

Eamonn James Kelly

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

Dated this 4th day of September, 2023.