

## Board Order ABP-314324-22

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

**Planning Authority: Wicklow County Council** 

Planning Register Reference Number: 22/595

**Appeal** by Sidmonton Court Residents' Association care of 16 Sidmonton Court, Bray, County Wicklow and by John and Margaret Maguire of 6 Cuala Road, Bray, County Wicklow against the decision made on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022 by Wicklow County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Development to include refined vehicular access to the existing vehicular accessway incorporating a four metres shared surface road off Sidmonton Court, Bray widening to 5.5 metres within the site and construction of four detached two-storey houses incorporating solar panels, with two car parking spaces for each house. In addition to four private gardens the development includes additional 278 square metres of public open space off Sidmonton Court, Bray. The development also requires the demolition of a low block wall which transects the site and associated site works, including minor alterations to existing public footpath. The total application area is 0.2415 hectares; all at Sidmonton Court and Sidmonton Park, Bray, County Wicklow.



## 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 zoning objective of the subject site, to the provisions of the Wicklow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 and the Bray Municipal District Local Area Plan 2018 - 2024, to the site's location within an existing urban area, to the existing pattern of development in the area, and to the nature and scale of the proposed development, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would be acceptable, would not seriously injure the residential or visual amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity and would be acceptable in terms of flood risk 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 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.

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2. Mitigation measures outlined in the plans and particulars, including the Flood Risk Assessment, shall be carried out in full, except where otherwise required by conditions attached to this permission.

**Reason:** In the interest of protecting the environment and in the interest of public health.

3. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall submit for the written agreement of the planning authority proposals to reconstruct and extend the existing Kilruddery Stream culvert under the site. All works shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the planning authority at the developer's expense.

**Reason**: In the interests of protecting the environment and public health.

4. Prior to the occupation of Units 2 and 3 (House Type B), the developer shall submit details of the proposed internal layout of these houses to the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

5. The formation of the vehicular access and public footpath along the front (southern) boundary of the site, from Simonton Court, shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements of the planning authority, and shall comply, in all respects, with the standards set out in the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS).

Reason: In the interests of pedestrian and traffic safety.



6. Prior to commencement of development, a comprehensive boundary treatment and landscaping scheme shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority.

All planting shall be adequately protected from damage until established. Any plants which die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased, within a period of five years from the completion of the development shall be replaced within the next planting season with others of similar size and species, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the planning authority.

Reason: In the interests of residential and visual amenity.

7. A schedule of all materials to be used in the external treatment of the development to include a variety of high-quality finishes, such as brick and stone, roofing materials, windows and doors, shall be submitted to, and 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 and to ensure an appropriate high standard of development.

8. Car parking spaces shall be provided with functioning electric vehicle (EV) charging stations/points.

**Reason:** In the interests of residential amenity and of sustainable transportation.

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9. Proposals for a public lighting scheme shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development/installation of lighting. Such lighting shall be provided prior to the making available for occupation of any house.

Reason: In the interests of amenity and public safety.

10. Proposals for a naming/numbering scheme and associated signage shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Thereafter, all signs, and apartment numbers, shall be provided in accordance with the agreed scheme. The proposed names 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(s) of the development shall be erected until the developer has obtained the planning authority's written agreement to the proposed name(s).

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

11. The internal road network serving the proposed development, including turning bays, junctions, parking areas, footpaths and kerbs shall comply in all respects with the standards set out in the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS) (and not those as set out in "Recommendations for Site Development Works for Housing Areas").

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

12. 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 interest of visual and residential amenity.

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

Reason: In the interest of public health.

14. Drainage arrangements, including the disposal and attenuation 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 to the planning authority for written agreement a Stage 2 - Detailed Design Stage Storm Water Audit. Upon Completion of the development, a Stage 3 Completion Stormwater Audit to demonstrate Sustainable Urban Drainage System measures have been installed and are working as designed and that there has been no misconnections or damage to storm water drainage infrastructure during construction, shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority.

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

15. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0700 and 1900 from Mondays to Fridays inclusive, between 0800 and 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.

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**Reason:** In order to safeguard the residential amenities of property in the vicinity

16. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer or any agent acting on their 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 shall be measured and monitored for effectiveness; these details shall be placed on the file and retained as part of the public record. The RWMP shall 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 interests of public safety and residential amenity.

17. 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

18. 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.

**Martina Hennessy** 

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

Dated this 8 day of April

2024.