

## Board Order ABP-314720-22

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

**Planning Authority: Louth County Council** 

Planning Register Reference Number: 22/259

Appeal by Hazel Close Residents care of EHP Services of 154 Riverside Drive, Red Barns Road, Dundalk, County Louth against the decision made on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2022 by Louth County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Wonderglade Unlimited Company care of Denis Williams Design Services Limited of Block 2, Quayside Business Park, Mill Street, Dundalk, County Louth in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Permission consists of a total of 89 number dwellings (14 number one-bed, 30 number two-bed, 37 number three-bed, eight number four-bed) comprising 60 number dwellings (15 number two-bed, 37 number three-bed, eight number four-bed) and 29 number apartments in a three-storey building (14 number one-bed and 15 number two-bed). A new vehicular access and a dedicated pedestrian access will be provided off Red Barns Road. The application also provides for car and bicycle parking, landscaping, open space and boundary treatments including alternations to site levels (the site will be raised to accommodate the proposed development), retaining walls and public lighting and all associated site development works, at Red Barns Road, Dundalk, County Louth. The

application site lies to the north of the Springfield Manor Development, east of Willow Dale and South of Hazel Close, Bay Estate, Dundalk.

## 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 objectives of the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027, the nature, scale and design of the proposed development, its location within an established residential area and the pattern of development in the vicinity, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the residential or visual amenities of the area, would be acceptable in terms of the safety and convenience of pedestrians and road users and would not be prejudicial to public health. 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 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 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.

 Prior to the commencement of development, details of the materials, colours, and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed buildings, surface materials and public realm finishes shall be submitted for written agreement of the planning authority.

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

3. The developer shall facilitate the provision of a new pedestrian/cycle link between the application site and the adjoining residential development of Hazel Close. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall submit to, for the written agreement of, the planning authority, detailed design proposals for the pedestrian/cycle link including proposals for public lighting and surface water drainage.

**Reason**: In the interests of residential amenity, permeability and proper planning and sustainable development.

4. All of the communal parking areas serving the residential units shall be provided with functional electric vehicle charging points, and all of the incurtilage car parking spaces serving residential units shall be provided with electric connections to the exterior of the houses to allow for the provision of future electric vehicle charging points. Details of how it is proposed to comply with these requirements shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

**Reason**: In the interest of sustainable transportation.

5. The landscaping scheme shown on Drawing number 19-014 L101, submitted to the planning authority on the 5th day of April, 2022, shall be carried out within the first planting season following the commencement of the development. 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 or until the development is taken in charge by the local authority, whichever is the sooner, 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 interest of residential and visual amenity.

6. Public lighting shall be provided in accordance with a scheme, 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 residential unit.

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

7. 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, 2019 (DMURS).

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

8. 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.

9. Drainage arrangements, including the disposal and attenuation of surface water, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

10. 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.

11. Proposals for an estate/street name, house/apartment numbering scheme and associated signage shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Thereafter, all estate and street signs, and house/apartment numbers shall be provided in accordance with the agreed scheme. 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.

12. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0800 to 1900 Mondays to Fridays, inclusive, between 0900

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 amenities of property in the vicinity.

13. 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 traffic management, intended construction practice for the development, including noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction / demolition waste.

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

14. 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 Environmental Protection Agency'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.

- 15. (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 house plot and each apartment unit shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of 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.

16. The management and maintenance of the proposed development following its completion shall be the responsibility of a legally constituted management company, or by the local authority in the event of the development being taken in charge. Detailed proposals in this regard shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

**Reason**: To ensure the satisfactory completion and maintenance of this development.

17. The recommended mitigation measures of the Bat Survey report shall be carried out on the site to the written satisfaction of the planning authority and in accordance with the details submitted to the planning authority on the 5th day of April, 2022.

Reason: To ensure the protection of the natural heritage on the site.

18. Prior to commencement of development, the developer 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.

19. 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 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 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.

20. Prior to the commencement of any house or duplex unit in the development as permitted, the developer or any person with an interest in the land shall enter into an agreement with the planning authority (such agreement must specify the number and location of each house or duplex unit), pursuant to Section 47 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that restricts all houses and duplex units permitted, to first occupation by individual purchasers, that is, those not being a corporate entity, and/or by those eligible for the occupation of social and/or affordable housing, including cost rental housing.

**Reason:** To restrict new housing development to use by persons of a particular class or description in order to ensure an adequate choice and supply of housing, including affordable housing, in the common good.

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.

Eamonn James Kelly

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

Dated this 15th day of February, 2024.