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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority: Cork City Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 22/41480**

**Appeal** by Rockspring Properties (Newport) Limited care of Fourem, 9A Sidney Place, Wellington Road, Cork against the decision made on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022 by Cork City Council in relation to an application for permission for the addition of three number dwellinghouses and alterations to the apartment building permitted under planning reference 19/38735. The proposed development comprises of two number semi-detached two bedroom dwellinghouses, one number detached two bedroom dwellinghouse and alterations to the apartment building permitted under 19/38735 consisting of six number apartments with two additional floors, increasing the apartment building from 14 to 20 number apartments with ancillary site works including landscaping, provision of bin storage, surface car parking and site services at Glenmont Crest, Silverspings, Tivoli, Cork in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the said Council (which decision was to grant subject to conditions permission for the addition of three number dwellinghouses. The proposed development comprises of two number semi-detached two bedroom dwellinghouses, one number detached two bedroom dwellinghouse with ancillary site works including landscaping, provision of bin storage, surface car parking and site services and to refuse permission for alterations to the apartment building permitted under planning reference 19/38735 consisting of

six number apartments with two additional floors, increasing the apartment building from 14 to 20 number apartments with ancillary site works including landscaping, provision of bin storage, surface car parking and site services).

## **Decision**

**GRANT permission for construction of three number additional dwellings, comprising of two number semi-detached two-bedroom dwellings and one number detached two-bedroom dwelling in accordance with the said plans and particulars based on the reasons and considerations marked (1) under and subject to the conditions set out below.**

**REFUSE permission for alterations to the apartment building previously permitted under Register Reference Number 19/38735, consisting of the addition of two number floors (same layout as the previously approved mid-floor levels) comprising of six number apartments based on the reasons and considerations marked (2) under.**

## **Reasons and Considerations (1)**

Having regard to the zoning objective applying to the site, as set out in the Cork City Development Plan 2022–2028, the context of the site and surrounding area, the layout, scale and design of the proposed dwellings and the existing pattern of development on site and in the vicinity, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed dwellings would not seriously injure the residential or visual amenities of the area. 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, 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. The total number of residential units permitted in this development is three.

**Reason:** In the interest of clarity.

2. The proposed development shall be amended as follows:

The additional car parking spaces proposed to serve the extended apartment block shall be omitted from the proposed site layout plan.

Revised drawings showing compliance 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 orderly development.

3. Prior to the commencement of development, details of the materials, colours and textures of all external finishes including samples, shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the planning authority.

**Reason:** In the interests of orderly development and the visual amenities of the area.

4. A scheme indicating proposed landscaping and boundary treatments 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. Trees to be removed on site shall be felled in late summer or autumn.

**Reason:** In the interest of nature conservation.

6. Proposals for an estate/street name, house 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 numbers, shall be provided in accordance with the agreed scheme. 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.

7. 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 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 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.

8. 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 hours of working, noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

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

9. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0800 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.

10. Water supply and drainage arrangements, including the disposal of surface water, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services.

**Reason:** In the interest of public health.

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

**Reason:** In the interest of public health.

12. 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.

13. 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.



14. The developer shall pay to the planning authority a financial contribution in respect of the Cork Area Commuter Rail Program in accordance with the terms of the Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme made by the planning authority under Section 49 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. The application of any indexation required by this condition 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.

**Reason:** It is a requirement of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that a condition requiring a contribution in accordance with the Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme made under section 49 of the Act be applied to the permission.

## Reasons and Considerations (2)

Having regard to the location of the proposed development on lands designated 'Areas of High Landscape Value' in the Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028, and to the scale/height of the proposed apartment building on the Montenotte / Tivoli Ridge, it is considered that the proposed development would result in an unacceptable and negative visual impact on the intrinsic character of the designated Area of High Landscape Value and its important landscape assets/features, and would cause undue visual intrusion in the landscape. The proposed development is, therefore, considered contrary to Objective 6.13 of the Development Plan which seeks to conserve and enhance the character and visual amenity of such areas through the appropriate management of development and Chapter 6 Green and Blue Infrastructure, Open Space and Biodiversity which states that there will be a presumption against development where it causes significant harm or injury to the intrinsic character of the Area of High Landscape Value. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



**Stephen Bohan**

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



Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of

April

**2024.**