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Bord
Pleanála

Board Order ABP-316415-23

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Kerry County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 22/1128

Appeal by Peter and Síne Graham of 10 Cnoc an Chairn, Lána an tSéipéil, Daingean Uí Chúis, Contae Chiarraí and by others against the decision made on the 30th day of March, 2023 by Kerry County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Zinbar Grove Developments care of Declan Noonan and Associates of Upper Main Street, Dingle, County Kerry in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Construction of a terraced building forming a streetscape fronting onto the Dingle Relief Road. This terraced building will consist of 15 number ground floor living units and 15 number duplex units over the first and second floors, accessible from both elevations, street side and the rear, served by associated car and bicycle parking and an external waste bin amenity enclosure, the units to be connected to public services and also to include all associated site works and permission to remove six number parallel car parking spaces along the Dingle Relief Road to facilitate the proposed site entrance and also to include associated site works at Grove, Dingle, County Kerry.

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 provisions of the Kerry County Development Plan 2022-2028 and the Corca Dhuibhne Electoral Area Local Area Plan 2021-2027, including the M2 zoning objective whereby residential development will be encouraged and to the pattern of existing development in the area together with the design, scale and layout of the proposed development, 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 not be prejudicial to public health and would be acceptable in terms of pedestrian and traffic safety. 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 3rd day of March 2023, 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.

2. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall enter into Connection Agreement(s) with Uisce Éireann (Irish Water) to provide for a service connection(s) to the public water supply and/or wastewater collection network.

Reason: In the interest of public health and to ensure adequate water/wastewater facilities.

3. The attenuation and disposal of surface water shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services. Prior to the 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: In the interest of public health.

4. (a) The internal road network serving the proposed development including turning bays, junctions, parking areas, footpaths, and kerbs shall comply with the detailed construction standards of the planning authority for such works and design standards outlined in Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS).
- (b) Footpaths shall be dished at road junctions in accordance with the requirements of the planning authority. Details of all locations and materials to be used shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to the commencement of development.
- (c) All the recommendations of Stage 1/2 Safety Audit for the proposed development shall be implemented. Prior to commencement of development, all documentation from this implementation shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority.

- (d) A Stage 3 Safety Audit shall be carried out at the completion of the proposed development with the recommendations acted upon.

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

5. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed residential units shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. Roof colour shall be blue-black, black, dark brown or dark grey in colour only.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity and to ensure an appropriate high standard of development.

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. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0700 to 1900 Mondays to Friday 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.

8. Prior to commencement of works, the developer shall submit to, and agree in writing with, the planning authority, a Construction Management Plan, which shall be adhered to during construction. This plan shall provide details of intended construction practice for the development, including noise and dust management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

Reason: In the interests of public safety and amenity.

9. (a) The communal open spaces, including hard and soft landscaping, car parking areas and access ways, communal refuse/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 drawings/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.

10. Proposals for an estate/street name, unit 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 unit numbers shall be provided in accordance with the agreed scheme. The proposed name shall be based on local historical or topographical features, 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. The landscaping scheme shown on drawing number ZINBAR/20/101 REV B, as submitted to the planning authority on the 3rd day of March, 2023 shall be implemented within the first planting season following substantial completion of external construction works.

In addition to the proposals in the submitted scheme, the following shall be carried out:- 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 interests of residential and visual amenity.

12. Public lighting shall be provided in accordance with a scheme which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to the commencement of development. The scheme shall include lighting along pedestrian routes through open spaces and shall take account of trees within the drawing. 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.

13. All communal parking areas serving the units shall be provided with functional electric vehicle charging points, and all of the in-curtilage car parking spaces serving the residential units shall be provided with electric connections to the exterior of the unit 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.

Reason: In the interest of sustainable transportation.

14. A taking in charge plan shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to the commencement of development. The plan shall include the lands of the proposed access road up to and including the red line boundary contiguous to the rear boundary of the buildings fronting onto Goat Street.

Reason: To comply with objective No. D-UD-10 of the Corca Dhuibhe Electoral Plan 2021-2027 and to allow access to the rear of the buildings fronting onto Goat Street.

15. (a) A minimum of 66% of the duplex units hereby permitted shall be restricted to use by those who can demonstrate the ability to preserve and protect the language and culture of the Gaeltacht, for a period of 15 years.
- (b) Prior to occupation of the development, the developer shall enter into a Section 47 agreement with the planning authority, to restrict the sale of units of the agreed portion of the residential elements of the development hereby permitted for the use of occupants who have an appropriate competence/fluency in Irish, except where after not less than two years from the date of completion of each specified duplex unit, it is demonstrated to the written satisfaction of the planning authority that it has not been possible to transact each specified duplex unit for use by occupants with the required competence/fluency in Irish.
- (c) The determination of the planning authority as required in (b) shall be subject to receipt by the planning authority of satisfactory documentary evidence from the developer regarding the sales and marketing of the specified duplex units, in which case the planning authority shall confirm in writing to the developer or any person with an interest in the land, that the Section 47 agreement has been terminated and that the requirement of this planning condition has been discharged in respect of each specified duplex unit.

The appropriate competence/fluency in Irish required to demonstrate compliance with this occupancy clause shall be akin to that required to at a minimum pass level B2 Meánleibhéal 2 in the Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge examinations and a future occupier of each duplex unit subject of this occupancy clause shall provide proof to the developer and planning authority, by way of a compliance submission, that a nominated adult residing in the respective household has completed such an examination, or similar level of examination in the Irish language, within a reasonable timeframe of purchasing/occupying the respective residential unit.

This condition shall not affect the sale of the dwelling by a mortgagee in possession or the occupation of the dwelling by any person deriving title from such a sale.

Reason: To ensure that the proposed duplex units are used to meet the provisions of objective KCDP 8-7 of the Kerry County Development Plan 2022–2028 and that development in this area is appropriately restricted to meeting essential local need and to preserve and protect the language and culture of the Gaeltacht in the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

16. (a) Prior to the commencement of the development as permitted, the applicant 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 duplex unit), pursuant to Section 47 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, that restricts all relevant residential units permitted, to first occupation by individual purchasers i.e. those not being a corporate entity, and/or by those eligible for the occupation of social and/or affordable duplex , including cost rental duplex .

- (b) An agreement pursuant to Section 47 shall be applicable for the period of duration of the planning permission, except where after not less than two years from the date of completion of each specified duplex unit, it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the planning authority that it has not been possible to transact each of the residential units for use by individual purchasers and/or to those eligible for the occupation of social and/or affordable housing, including cost rental housing.
- (c) The determination of the planning authority as required in (b) shall be subject to receipt by the planning and housing authority of satisfactory documentary evidence from the applicant or any person with an interest in the land regarding the sales and marketing of the specified duplex units, in which case the planning authority shall confirm in writing to the applicant or any person with an interest in the land that the Section 47 agreement has been terminated and that the requirement of this planning condition has been discharged in respect of each specified duplex unit.

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.

17. 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 transfer of a percentage of the land, to be agreed with the planning authority, in accordance with the requirements of section 94(4) and section 96(2) and 96(3)(a), (Part V) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and/or the provision of housing on lands in accordance with the requirements of section 94(4) and section 96(2) and 96(3) (b), (Part V) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, unless an exemption certificate has been granted under

section 97 of the Act, as amended. Where such an agreement cannot be reached between the parties, the matter in dispute (other than a matter to which section 96(7) applies) shall 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 for the area.

18. 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.

19. 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.



Paul Caprani

Member of An Bord Pleanála

**duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.**



Dated this *2nd* day of *January* 2025