

Board Order ABP-320166-24

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: South Dublin County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: SD23A/0288.

Appeal by Atlantico Partnership care of Brock McClure Planning and Development Consultants of 63 York Road, Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin against the decision made on the 25th day of June 2024 by South Dublin County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Construction of 82 number residential apartment units and associated commercial floorspace in three number residential apartment blocks five to six storeys as follows: Block A contains 44 number apartment units in a six-storey apartment block (with double height mezzanine corner feature at fifth floor level addressing the corner of Greenhills Road and Broomhill Road). This will consist of 25 number one-bed apartments, 17 number two-bed apartments and two number three-bed apartments. All apartment units will be provided with associated private terraces/balconies. Block B contains 23 number apartment units in a five-storey apartment block. This will consist of eight number one-bed apartments, nine number two-bed apartments and six number three-bed apartments. All apartment units will be provided with associated private terraces/balconies. Block C contains 15 number apartments in a five-storey apartment block. This will consist of four

number one-bed apartments, seven number two-bed apartments and four number three-bed apartments. All apartment units will be provided with associated private terraces / balconies. A resident's lounge (circa 73.6 square metres) for use by occupants of all proposed apartment units is provided at ground floor level of Block C. A commercial unit (circa 148.5 square metres) front Greenhills Road is also provided at ground floor level in Block C. New vehicular access to the site will be provided from the Broomhill Road. Provision of an area of landscaped public open space (circa 776 square metres) and communal open space (592 square metres) including circa 192 square metres as a roof terrace area for residents. Lobbies, stair/lifts, photovoltaic panels and green roofs throughout Blocks A, B and C. Provision of 41 number car parking spaces and 182 number bicycle parking spaces for residents of the proposed development. All associated site development works, services provision, infrastructural and drainage works, provision of esb substations, bin stores, public lighting, landscaping, open space, and boundary treatment works on this site of 0.69 hectares, all on a Greenfield portion of lands immediately adjacent to the east of, Unit 11 Broomhill Road, Tallaght, 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 South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028, to the Tallaght Town Centre Local Area Plan 2020, to the location of the site at the north eastern corner of the Broomhill Neighbourhood on lands zoned 'REGEN', to the character and established pattern of development in the vicinity of the site, to the previous planning history on the site, it is considered

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that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would facilitate enterprise and/or residential-led regeneration, would not seriously injure the visual or residential amenities of the area, would not adversely impact on the established character of the area, would not be likely to have a significant effect on any European Site and would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and transportation. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to refuse permission, the Board noted and concurred with the appeal submission that the proposed development on residual land at this location complies with the regeneration zoning objective for the area as set out in the Tallaght Town Centre Local Area Plan which indicates inter alia that regenerative development on the site will be in the form of 4-6 storey residential and 3-5 storey commercial development.

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 submitted to the planning authority on the 29th day of May 2024, 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. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall submit to, and agree in writing with, the planning authority, a ground and first floor plan for Block B.

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

 Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall enter into a 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.

4. Drainage arrangements, including the attenuation and 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 and surface water management.

5. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed dwellings 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. 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 house.

Reason: In the interest of amenity and public safety.

7. 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.

8. Proposals for an estate/street name, 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. The proposed name(s) 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.

- 9. The site shall be landscaped in accordance with a comprehensive scheme of landscaping, details of which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This scheme shall include the following:
 - (a) A plan to scale of not less than [1:500] showing -
 - (i) Existing trees and hedgerows specifying which are proposed for retention as features of the site landscaping,
 - (ii) The measures to be put in place for the protection of these landscape features during the construction period,
 - (iii) The species, variety, number, size and locations of all proposed trees and shrubs which shall comprise predominantly native species such as mountain ash, birch, willow, sycamore, pine, oak, hawthorn, holly, hazel, beech or alder which shall not include prunus species,
 - (iv) Details of screen planting which shall not include cupressocyparis x leylandii,
 - (v) Details of roadside/street planting which shall not include prunus species, and
 - (vi) Hard landscaping works, specifying surfacing materials, furniture and play equipment and finished levels.
 - (b) Specifications for mounding, levelling, cultivation and other operations associated with plant and grass establishment.
 - (c) A timescale for implementation including details of phasing.

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.

10. 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 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.

- 11. 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:
 - (a) the location of the site and materials compound(s) including area(s identified for the storage of construction refuse;
 - (b) the location of areas for construction site offices and staff facilities;
 - (c) the details of site security fencing and hoardings;
 - (d) the details of on-site car parking facilities for site workers during the course of construction;

- (e) the details of the timing and routing of construction traffic to and from the construction site and associated directional signage, to include proposals to facilitate the delivery of abnormal loads to the site;
- (f) Measures to obviate queuing of construction traffic on the adjoining road network;
- (g) Measures to prevent the spillage or deposit of clay, rubble or other debris on the public road network;
- (h) Alternative arrangements to be put in place for pedestrians and vehicles in the case of the closure of any public road or footpath during the course of site development works;
- (i) Provision of parking for existing properties at [specify locations] during the construction period;
- the details of appropriate mitigation measures for noise, dust and vibration, and monitoring of such levels;
- (k) the containment of all construction-related fuel and oil within specially constructed bunds to ensure that fuel spillages are fully contained. Such bunds shall be roofed to exclude rainwater;
- the off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste and details of how it is proposed to manage excavated soil;
- (m) the means to ensure that surface water run-off is controlled such that no silt or other pollutants enter local surface water sewers or drains.

A record of daily checks that the works are being undertaken in accordance with the Construction Management Plan shall be kept for inspection by the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of amenities, public health and safety.

12. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out and completed at least to the construction standards as set out in the planning authority's Taking In Charge Standards. In the absence of specific local standards, the standards as set out in the 'Recommendations for Site Development Works for Housing Areas' issued by the Department of the Environment and Local Government in November 1998. Following completion, the development shall be maintained by the developer, in compliance with these standards, until taken in charge by the planning authority.

Reason: To ensure that the development is carried out and completed to an acceptable standard of construction.

13. 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 within each house plot 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.

Reason: To provide for the appropriate management of waste and, in particular recyclable materials, in the interest of protecting the environment.

14. 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 social and affordable housing in accordance with the requirements of section 96 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 97(7) applies) may be referred by the planning authority or any other prospective party to the agreement to the Board 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.

15. 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.

16. 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.

Member of An Bord Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board.

Dated this 6th day of February