

## Board Order ABP-321018-24

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Dublin City Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 4059/24

**Appeal** by Timothy McCormick care of O'Carroll O'Riordan Architects of 1 Fortfield Terrace, Rathmines, Dublin against the decision made on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024, by Dublin City Council to grant, subject to conditions, a permission in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

**Proposed Development:** For the installation of solar panels to the rear and rear inner valley south facing roofs, at 13 Ontario Terrace, Ranelagh, Dublin.

## Decision

Having regard to the nature of the condition the subject of the appeal, the Board is satisfied that the determination by the Board of the relevant application as if it had been made to it in the first instance would not be warranted and, based on the reasons and considerations set out below, directs the said Council under subsection (1) of section 139 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 to REMOVE condition number 2(c)(i) and the reason therefor.

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## **Reasons and Considerations**

The Board noted that the proposed development site is located within an area designated with a zoning objective Z2 'To protect and/or improve the amenities of residential conservation areas' in the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028 and had regard to Policy CA12 of the plan which seeks 'to support, encourage and facilitate the development of small-scale wind renewable facilities/micro-renewable energy production'. The Board noted that there are existing similar solar panels on an adjacent property and whilst noting the concerns of the planning authority Conservation Division the Board considered that given the orientation of the dwelling and the location of the solar panels to the rear of the building the production of energy from renewable sources will provide significant benefits to this protected structure and it is considered that on balance the proposed solar panels are acceptable.

Marie O'Connor

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

Dated this 10 day of February 2025.