

An Bord Pleanála

Board Order ABP-321424-24

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Dublin City Council

(Associated application reference number: PA29S.PA0043)

REQUEST received by An Bord Pleanála on the 11th day of December 2024 from the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board care of Avison Young, 81 Merrion Square South, Dublin under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of the National Paediatric Hospital, a strategic infrastructure development the subject of a permission granted under An Bord Pleanála reference number PA29S.PA0043 at Saint James's Hospital, James's Street, Dublin 8, also subject to previous alterations under An Bord Pleanála reference numbers PM29S.PM0012, ABP-304520-19, ABP-310446-19, ABP-314446-21 and ABP-314872-22.

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to grant the proposed development, subject to conditions, for the above-mentioned development by order dated the 26th day of April 2016,

AND WHEREAS the Board has received a further request to alter the terms of the development, the subject of the permission,

AND WHEREAS the proposed alteration is described as follows:

- Changes to landscaping at south-west corner connection to James's Walk Linear Park adjacent to Rialto Luas stop to provide fire tender access;
- Continuation of "MISA campus fence style" along boundary with James's Walk Linear Park to provide continuity of treatment;

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- Changes to landscaping at Cameron Square Interface on main access road to allow for fire tender access and turning movements;
- Changes to interface with Saint James's Hospital Energy Centre to allow vehicular access;
- Amendments to storm drainage surrounding Energy Centre and access road interface;
- Changes and amendments to surface treatment of interface between entry plaza and access road;
- Amendments to winter garden layouts within Children's Hospital to remove water features, and expand planters and seating arrangements;
- Amendments to the western elevation to comprise reduction in height of nondimensioned balcony soffit by 160 millimetres, change to glass opacity not previously tagged, local alterations to Mullion spacing, reduction in height of nondimensioned entrance soffit by 450 millimetres, increase in non-dimensioned intermediate coping height by 685 millimetres, and reduction in height of nondimensioned balcony soffits by 200 millimetres;
- Amendments to the west and east elevations comprising reduced and revised cladding detail to the helipad;
- Amendments to the northeast elevation comprising an increase in nondimensioned intermediate coping height by 510 millimetres;
- Amendments to the east elevation comprising the extent of decorative perforated panels extended in lieu of louvres; and
- Amendments to the south elevation comprising the omission of one window on the return elevation to south entrance and the reduction in height of nondimensioned Courtyard soffit by 515 millimetres in the internal courtyard elevation of Figures 4, 5 and 6.

AND WHEREAS having regard to the issues involved, the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, not to invite submissions or observations from the public in relation to the matter,

AND WHEREAS the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that the proposed alterations would not result in the making of a material alteration to the terms of the development, the subject of the approval,

AND WHEREAS having considered all of the documents on file and the Inspector's report, the Board considered that the making of the proposed alteration would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment or on any European Site,

NOW THEREFORE in accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Board hereby alters the above-mentioned decision so that the approved development shall be altered in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 11th day of December 2024, for the reasons and considerations set out below.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

In coming to its decision, the Board had regard to the following:

- (a) The nature and scale of the proposed alteration,
- (b) the documentation on file, and
- (c) the report of the Inspector.

Having regard to:

- the nature and scale of the National Paediatric Hospital development permitted under reference number PA29S.PA0043,
- the examination of the environmental impact, including in relation to European sites, carried out during the course of that application,
- the limited nature and scale of the alterations when considered in relation to the overall permitted development,
- the location of the proposed alterations, within the footprint of the existing National Paediatric Hospital site,
- the absence of any significant new or additional environmental impacts arising as a result of the proposed alterations, and

• the report of the Board's Inspector, which is adopted,

it is considered that the proposed alterations would not be material. In accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Board hereby makes the said alterations.

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

Dated this 26 day of May 2025