



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Commission Order
ABP-321543-24

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2024

Planning Authority: Dublin City Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 4018/24

Appeal by Persian Properties Unlimited care of Oppermann Associates of Unit 1D, The Steelworks, Foley Street, Dublin against the decision made on the 27th day of November, 2024 by Dublin City Council to grant permission subject to conditions in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: The development will consist of the demolition of the existing 'Hospitality House' building (circa 3,059 square metres), the construction of a new hotel extension building (circa 9,530 square metres gross area with maximum height of 33.375 metres), comprising of an eight-storey over ground floor level hotel extension and conference rooms with a lower ground level for hotel services, the relocated ESB sub-station and switch room accessed from Cumberland Street South and the refurbishment of ground and lower ground levels of the existing hotel building (circa 1,169 square metres). The proposed hotel and conferencing extension includes, at lower ground floor: staff facilities (325 square metres), spa (248 square metres), bicycle store (70 square metres), bin store (60 square metres),

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storage (105 square metres); at ground floor: dining (469 square metres), kitchens (195 square metres), storage (55 square metres), conferencing (333 square metres), planted areas (147 square metres), sub-station and switch-room (28 square metres); at upper floor levels 1 to 8: 150 bedrooms and associated ancillary rooms (5,437 square metres), upper planted areas (685 square metres); to include drainage and all ancillary works on 0.32 hectare site all at Hospitality House, 16-20 Cumberland Street South, 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 condition(s) set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the city centre location of the proposed development, the pattern of development in the area, the provisions of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028, and to the nature, scale, layout and design of the proposed development, it is considered that the proposed development would provide for an appropriate form of development which is likely to assist in the achievement of the wider objectives of the development plan. It is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the visual or other amenities of the area or of adjoining residential property, would be acceptable in terms of impact on built heritage of the area and would be acceptable in terms of traffic and pedestrian 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 31st day of October 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.

2. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed development shall be as submitted with the application, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

3. Prior to the commencement of the development, the developer shall submit revised drawings for written agreement of the planning authority showing the following amendments;

- (a) The entire second floor of the proposed development shall be permanently omitted thus reducing the height of the development.
The maximum height of the scheme shall not exceed 27.5 metres.

- (b) The ground floor shall be amended to provide universal access from Cumberland Street South. Any amendment to the finished floor levels shall be addressed in a revised drainage assessment.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity and the protection of established residential amenities.

4. Prior to commencement of the permitted use, detailed drawings of the proposed signage, including illumination/lighting details, shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

5. Notwithstanding the exempted development provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, no additional plant, machinery or telecommunications structures shall be erected on the roof of the building, without a prior grant of planning permission.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

6. No additional signage, advertising structures/advertisements, security shutters or other projecting elements, including flagpoles, shall be erected within the site unless authorised by a further grant of planning permission.

Reason: To protect the visual amenities of the area.

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 interest of visual amenity.

8. Prior to the commencement of development, a bat and swift survey shall be undertaken. The methodology and timing shall be agreed in advance, in writing, with the planning authority. The survey shall be undertaken by a suitably qualified ecologist during the active season (for bats specifically). The survey reports shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of the protection of bats and swifts.

9. The ground floor garden area, adjacent to the northern boundary, shall not be used between the hours 2200 and 0800 daily.

Reason: To protect residential amenities of the area.

10. The developer shall facilitate the preservation, recording and protection of archaeological materials or features that may exist within the site. In this regard, the developer shall –
 - (a) notify the planning authority in writing at least four weeks prior to the commencement of any site operation (including hydrological and geotechnical investigations) relating to the proposed development,
 - (b) employ a suitably-qualified archaeologist who shall monitor all site investigations and other excavation works, and
 - (c) provide arrangements, acceptable to the planning authority, for the recording and for the removal of any archaeological material which the authority considers appropriate to remove.

In default of agreement on any of these requirements, the matter shall be referred to An Coimisiún Pleanála for determination.

Reason: In order to conserve the archaeological heritage of the site and to secure the preservation and protection of any remains that may exist within the site.

11. The developer shall undertake to implement the measures outlined in the Mobility Management Plan Framework, as lodged with the application.

Reason: To encourage the use of sustainable modes of transport.

12. 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.

13. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0700 and 1900 from Mondays to Fridays inclusive, between 0800 and 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.

14. The construction of the development shall be managed in accordance with a construction and demolition 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) location of the site and materials compound including area identified for the storage of construction waste;
- (b) location of areas for construction site offices and staff facilities;
- (c) details of site security fencing and hoardings;
- (d) details of parking/transport facilities for site workers during the course of construction;
- (e) details of 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 closure of any public road or footpath during the course of site development works;
- (i) details of appropriate mitigation measures for noise, dust and vibration and monitoring of such level;
- (j) containment of all construction related fuel and oil within specifically constructed bunds to ensure that fuel spillages are fully contained. Such bunds shall be roofed to exclude rainwater;
- (k) off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste and details of how it is proposed to manage excavated soil; and
- (l) means to ensure that surface water run-off is controlled such that no silt or other pollutants enter local surface water sewers or drains.

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

15. 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 proper planning and sustainable development.

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 Coimisiún 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.

17. The developer shall pay to the planning authority a financial contribution in respect of the Luas Cross City Scheme 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. The contribution shall be paid prior to the 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 the An Coimisiún Pleanála to determine the proper application of the terms of the scheme.

Reason: It is a requirement of the Planning and Development Act 2000 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.

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**Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Commission.**

Dated this *09* day of *July* 2025

