

Board Order 06D.FS.0567

Building Control Acts 1990 to 2014

Building Control Authority: Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Building Control Authority Register Reference Number: 16/8120/7DAY

Appeal by Ronan Willis (Willis Care Group) care of JGA Fire Engineering Consultants of 9 Upper Baggot Street, Dublin in relation to the decision made on the 6th day of July, 2017 by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council to grant subject to conditions a fire safety certificate under section 6 (2)(a)(ii) of the Building Control Act, 1990, as amended by section 5(a) of the Building Control Act 2007 in respect of material alterations including the extension of Ferndale Nursing Home on ground, first and second floors for the provision of additional bedrooms including a sun room on the first floor and dining area and ancillary accommodation on the second floor at Ferndale Nursing Home, Dean's Grange Road, Blackrock, County Dublin in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said authority:

WHEREAS the said appeal relates only to conditions numbers 2, 3 and 4 attached to the decision of the said authority:

AND WHEREAS An Bord Pleanála is satisfied, having regard to the nature of the said conditions, 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:

NOW THEREFORE An Bord Pleanála, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 7 of the Building Control Act 1990 and by Article 40 (2) of the Building Control Regulations, 1997, and based on the reasons and considerations set out below, hereby directs the said authority to delete the said condition number 4 and the reason therefor, and to amend the said conditions numbers 2 and 3 so that they shall be as follows for the reasons set out:

- 2. (a) An FD30s cross-corridor fire door shall be provided to the protected corridor at gridlines 2-3/H-I on the second floor.
 - (b) An FD30s cross-corridor fire door shall be provided to the protected corridor between gridlines O and P on the second floor.

Reason: To comply with Part B1 of the Second Schedule to the Building Regulations, 1997 to 2017.

3. Any furniture located in the second floor waiting area shall comply with BS7176 "Specification for resistance to ignition of upholstered furniture for non-domestic seating by testing of composites -High Hazard".

Reason: To provide adequate protection against possible ignition of furniture located on an escape route.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the submissions made in connection with the Fire Safety Certificate application and the appeal, the type of use and layout of the building, and to the proposed provision of cross-corridor doors and lines of compartmentation with regard to the recommendations of Technical Guidance Document B, it is considered that the functional requirements of Part B1 of the Second Schedule of the Building Regulations 1997-2017 are not being satisfied and that the appeal against conditions numbers 2 and 3 should be refused, subject to modifications to the conditions as set out above. Furthermore, it is considered that the functional requirements of Part B3 of the Second Schedule of the Building Regulations 1997-2017 (with regard to compartmentation) are being satisfied and the appeal against condition number 4 should be allowed.

Matters Considered

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Building Control Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard. Such matters included any submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.

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

Dated this day of 2017

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