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## Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016

### Notice of Pre-Application Consultation Opinion

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**Case Reference:** ABP-300388-17

**Proposed Development:** 210 no. residential units, a crèche facility, 5 no. site entrance points, 5 no. local play areas, open parkland areas, landscaping and all associated site works. Ballyleary, Great Island, Cobh, Co. Cork.

An Bord Pleanála has considered the issues raised in the pre-application consultation process and, having regard to the consultation meeting and the submission of the planning authority, is of the opinion that the documents submitted with the request to enter into consultations require further consideration and amendment to constitute a reasonable basis for an application for strategic housing development.

An Bord Pleanála considers that the following issues need to be addressed in the documents submitted that could result in them constituting a reasonable basis for an application for strategic housing development.

#### 1. Infrastructure and Connectivity

Further consideration of the documents as they relate to the phased development programme for Ballynoe Urban Expansion Area, as set out in Table 3.2.3 of Cobh Municipal District LAP, specifically in relation to the 'Prior to Commencement of Development' and 'Phase 1' development stages. Further consideration of these issues may require an amendment to the documents and/or design proposals submitted.

## **2. Density**

Further consideration/justification of the documents as they relate to the density in the proposed development. This consideration and justification should have regard to, inter alia, the minimum densities provided for in the 'Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas' (May 2009) in relation to such Outer Suburban/Greenfield sites. Particular regard should be had to need to develop at a sufficiently high density to provide for an acceptable efficiency in serviceable land usage given the proximity of the site to Cobh and Cork city centre, with their established social and community services. The further consideration of this issue may require an amendment to the documents and/or design proposal submitted relating to density and layout of the proposed development.

## **3. Design, Layout and Unit Mix**

Further consideration/justification of the documents as they relate to the layout of the proposed development particularly in relation to the 12 criteria set out in the 'Urban Design Manual' which accompanies the above mentioned Guidelines and the 'Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets'. In addition to density which is addressed above, the matters of unit mix and design, the configuration of the layout, levels, design and width of roads, the creation of character areas within a high quality scheme should all be given further consideration. Further consideration of these issues may require an amendment to the documents and/or design proposals submitted.

## **4. Public Open Space**

Further consideration of the documents as they relate to the open space proposed particularly in the context of the quantum of open space proposed, the surveillance of the open space, the usability of the active open space and proposals for passive open space in the context of landscaping proposals. The further consideration of this issue may require an amendment to the documents and/or design rationale submitted.

Furthermore, Pursuant to article 285(5)(b) of the Planning and Development (Strategic Housing Development) Regulations 2017, the prospective applicant is hereby notified that, in addition to the requirements as specified in articles 297 and 298 of the Planning and Development (Strategic Housing Development) Regulations 2017, the following specific information should be submitted with any application for permission:

1. Drainage details, having regard to the Pre-Connection Enquiry report of Irish Water, dated November 2nd 2017.
2. A detailed phasing plan for the delivery of the proposed development.
3. A site layout plan showing which areas are to be taken in charge by the planning authority.
4. Site Specific Construction and Environment Management Plan (CEMP).
5. Colour coded layout plan identifying different unit types proposed.
6. A plan showing proposed pedestrian and cycle facilities connecting the proposed development with Cobh town centre, existing and proposed train stations in the vicinity and the area of zoned public open space to the south of the site.
7. A report identifying demand for school places likely to be generated by the proposal and the capacity of existing schools in the vicinity to cater for such demand.

Also, pursuant to article 285(5)(a) of the Planning and Development (Strategic Housing Development) Regulations 2017, the prospective applicant is informed that the following authorities should be notified in the event of the making of an application arising from this notification in accordance with section 8(1)(b) of the Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016:

- Irish Water
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- Commission for Energy Regulation
- Local Childcare Committee

**Please note:**

Under section 6(9) of the Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016, neither the holding of a consultation under section 6, nor the forming of an opinion under that section, shall prejudice the performance by the Board, or the planning authority or authorities in whose area the proposed strategic housing development would be situated, of any other of their respective functions under the Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2016 or any other enactment and cannot be relied upon in the formal planning process or in legal proceedings.

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