

Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016 Notice of Pre-Application Consultation Opinion

Case Reference: ABP-302125-18

Proposed Development: Construction of 207 no. residential units (152 no. houses, 55 no. apartment units), creche and all ancillary site works development works.

Ardarostig, Bishopstown, 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. 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 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 Bishopstown and Cork City Centre, to established social and community

services in the vicinity and to nearby strategic land reserves. 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.

2. 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; arrangement and hierarchy of streets; 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.

3. 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. In addition, further consideration of the documents as they relate to pedestrian and cycle facilities connecting the proposed development with nearby centres, existing transport services and existing amenities and facilities. The further consideration of these issues 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:

- Drainage details, having regard to Pre-Connection Enquiry Report of Irish Water dated 14th August 2018, together with section 4.6 of the Cork County Council report dated 10th August 2018 and 'Drainage Issues' section of response from Cork City Council, dated 23rd August 2018.
- 2. Archaeological Impact Assessment and Geophysical Survey.
- 3. Ecological Survey of existing trees and hedgerows which clearly identifies all trees proposed for removal.

- 4. TIA which considers impact on wider area including potential for creation of rat run-through Marymount Hospice.
- 5. A phasing plan for the delivery of the proposed development.
- 6. A site layout plan indicating what areas are to be taken in charge by the planning authority.
- 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.
- 8. A Building Lifecycle Report, as per section 6.13 of Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments- Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2018).
- 9. A Childcare Demand Report outlining anticipated demand likely to be generated by the proposal and the capacity of existing childcare facilities 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:

- 1. The Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht
- 2. The Heritage Council
- 3. An Taisce
- 4. An Chomhairle Ealaion
- 5. Failte Ireland
- 6. Irish Water
- 7. Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- 8. Commission for Energy Regulation
- 9. Health and Safety Authority
- 10. Cork City Council
- 11. Cork County Childcare Committee

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