

Case Reference: ABP-302888-18

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

Proposed Development: Demolition of existing public house and restaurant. Construction of shared living residential accommodation with 223 bed spaces. Brady's Public House, Old Navan Road, Dublin 15.

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.

Principle of Shared Accommodation provision at this location

Further consideration of the documents as they relate to the principle of Shared Accommodation at this location. This consideration and justification should have regard to, inter alia, (i) the vision for the development of Blanchardstown and the relevant housing and settlement policies set out in the Fingal County Development Plan 2017-2023; (ii) the Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments, specifically the guidance on Shared Accommodation Developments and in particular sections 5.18, 5.19 and 5.22 and SPPR 9 of same and (iii) the suitability of this location for Shared Accommodation with regard to accessibility and connections to employment centres and community facilities. Comprehensive information regarding the nature of the proposed use should be submitted to facilitate assessment of this issue including details of the occupation, operation and management of the scheme. The further consideration of this issue may require an amendment to the documents and/or design proposals submitted relating to density and layout of the proposed development.

Residential amenity of proposed Shared Accommodation units.

Further consideration and / or justification of the documents as they relate to the residential amenity of the proposed development particularly in relation to the access, design and layout of the scheme and the provision of resident support facilities and amenities and their location within the overall development, having regard to the provisions of the Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments including SPPRs 7 and 9 of same. The further consideration of this issue may require an amendment to the documents and/or design proposals submitted relating to density and layout of the proposed development.

Impacts on the visual and residential amenities of the area.

Further consideration of the documents as they relate to the design and height of the development and to potential impacts on visual and residential amenities. In this regard the prospective applicant should satisfy themselves that the design strategy for the site provides the optimal architectural solution for this location and that it is of sufficient quality to ensure that the proposed development makes a positive contribution to the character of the area over the long term. The submitted documents should allow for further consideration of the overall height, elevational treatments and the proposed materials with regard to impacts on visual and residential amenities. The proposed development shall have regard to inter alia, national policy including the National Planning Framework, the Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments, the Urban Development and

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Building Heights Guidelines for Planning Authorities, the Fingal County Development Plan 2017-2023 and the site's context and locational attributes, in particular adjacent residential properties and the adjoining public open space. The further consideration of these issues may require an amendment to the documents and/or design proposals submitted relating to density and layout of the proposed development.

Parking, traffic and transport.

Further consideration of the documents as they relate to parking, traffic and transport, having regard to the proximity of the site to Castleknock Train Station and to the availability of other public transport services in the area. Further consideration of vehicular, cycle and pedestrian connections to the Old Navan Road and the pedestrian connection to the adjoining public open space. The further consideration of this issue may require an amendment to the documents and/or design proposals submitted relating to density and layout of the proposed development.

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. Irish Water
- 2. Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- 3. National Transport Authority

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. A proposed covenant or legal agreement further to which appropriate planning conditions may be attached to any grant of permission to ensure that the development remains in use as Build to Rent accommodation. There shall be a requirement that the development remains owned and operated by an institutional entity and that this status will continue to apply for a minimum period of not less than 15 years and that similarly no individual residents units are sold or rented separately for that period (Your attention is drawn to the provisions of Specific Planning Policy Requirement 7 of the Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments, Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2018).
- Design rationale for the scheme to demonstrate a high quality of residential amenity for residents, to address the requirements of sections 5.15, 5.16, 5.17, 5.23 and SPPR 9 of the Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments, Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2018.
- Photomontages, cross sections, visual impact analysis, shadow analysis and landscaping details to indicate potential impacts on the visual and residential amenities of Talbot Downs, Talbot Court and Old Navan Road and on the wider area, to include 3D visualisation of the scheme.
- 4. Tree Survey, Arboricultural Assessment and landscaping proposals to address (i) impacts on existing trees at the site and in its vicinity; (ii) the quantity, type and location of all proposed hard and soft landscaping; (iii) boundary treatments; (iv) the provision of a high quality public realm for residents of the scheme and as a contribution to the amenities of the area and (v) the interaction with the adjoining public open space including clarification of any pedestrian connection to same. The proposed landscaping scheme shall be integrated with parking, roads and access proposals and detailed SUDS measures.

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- 5. Daylight/Sunlight analysis, showing an acceptable level of residential amenity for future occupiers of the proposed development, which includes details on the standards achieved within the proposed residential units, in private and shared open space, and in public areas within the development.
- 6. Rationale for the proposed car and cycle parking provision with regard to the standards set out in Chapter 12 of the Fingal County Development Plan 2017-2023 and the Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments, Guidelines for Planning Authorities, to include (i) evidence based data from comparable developments in similar geographical locations to justify the proposed car and cycle parking provision; (ii) details of car and cycle parking management measures and the provision of visitor parking and (iii) a Mobility Management Plan.
- 7. A Site-Specific Flood Risk Assessment to clarify the extent of the development located in any Flood Zone.

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.

Assistant Director of Planning ,2018