

Case Reference: ABP-302893-18

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

Proposed Development: Construction of 133 no. houses, 120 apartment units, car parking, bicycle storage and refuse storage sheds. Lands at Hollystown Golf Club, Hollystown, 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.

1. Car Parking

Further consideration/amendment of the documents as they relate to the provision and design of car parking within the proposed development. The documentation submitted at application stage should provide a robust rationale for the amount of car parking that is proposed. This should have due regard to the pattern of demand for travel that is likely to arise from the occupation of the proposed development, as well as to the likely demand from households to have access to private transport even where it does not provide the primary mode for travel to work or school. The documentation should also take proper account of the advice concerning car parking and cycle parking provided for in the Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments Guidelines for Planning Authorities – 2018 and the design an layout of car parking outlined in the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets.

2. Open space

Further consideration/amendment of the documents as they relate to the provision of high quality, safe and usable public open space. Particular attention is drawn to the size and location of open spaces, and rationale for same, the potential for passive supervision of open spaces and play areas, the design of the streets, associated on-street parking and the creation of building edges/street frontages that reflect a clearly defined street hierarchy within the scheme, the location and design of bin and bicycle storage also requires greater consideration. The application of the principles of the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets and the advice provided by the Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas' (including the associated 'Urban Design Manual') is advised. Further consideration of these issues may require amendment to the documents and/or design proposals submitted.

3. Wastewater Services

Further consideration of documents as they relate to the foul sewer network and pumping station upgrades as indicated in the Hollystown Foul Pumping Station Assessment dated October 2018. An outline of the necessary works to address the constraints and what parties will be responsible for such works. In addition, there should be clarity as to whether such works would be the subject of a separate consent process and or compulsory purchase process. Timelines for the delivery of any works is required relative to the delivery of the proposed development. Given the existing deficiencies in the provision of adequate sewerage infrastructure, the applicant should satisfy themselves that the proposed development would not be premature pending the delivery of required infrastructural improvements. Further consideration of these issues may require an amendment to the documents and/or design proposals submitted.

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. A site layout plan clearly indicating what areas are to be taken in charge by the Local Authority. Streets should be shown up to the boundaries of the site and facilitate future access.

2. Sufficiently detailed cross section drawings through proposed and existing adjacent residential development, detailing pedestrian/cyclist connections where relevant.

3. Landscaping proposals including an overall landscaping masterplan for the development site and a site layout plan indicating the full extent of tree retention and removal if proposed. Details of proposed tree protection measures during construction. Details pertaining to the quantity, type and location of all proposed hard and soft landscaping including details of play equipment, street furniture including public lighting and boundary treatments should be submitted. Sections should be submitted at key locations where the public open spaces interface with proposed residential units.

4. All existing watercourses and utilities that traverse the site including any proposal to culvert/re-route/underground existing drains/utilities should be clearly identified on a site layout plan.

5. Details in respect of the proposed residential units including a schedule of Accommodation and Quality Assessment Report that has regard to Specific Planning Policy Requirements set out in the Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for Apartment Guidelines, Guidelines for Planning Authorities as they pertain to the proposed development. A Building Life Cycle Report in respect of the proposed apartments. 6. Rationale for proposed childcare provision (or lack of same) with regard to, inter alia, the 'Childcare Facilities Guidelines for Planning Authorities', circular letter PL 3/2016, and the 'Sustainable Urban Housing Design Standards for New Apartments – Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (2018), to provide details of existing childcare facilities in the area and demand for childcare provision within the proposed scheme. The applicant is advised to consult with the relevant Childcare Committee in relation to this matter prior to the submission of any application.

7. Archaeological Impact Assessment.

8. Details of pedestrian and cycle facilities connecting the proposed development with nearby centres, existing transport services and existing amenities and facilities.

9. A Construction and Demolition Waste Management Plan should be provided.

10. The applicant needs to satisfy themselves and the Board in the event of making an application that the proposed development is not mandatory for the purposes of Environmental Impact Assessment. In the event that the development is considered sub-threshold, the information referred to in article 299B(1)(b)(ii)(II) and article 299B(1)(c) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2018 should be 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. Irish Water
- 2. Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht
- 3. National Transport Authority
- 4. Inland Fisheries Ireland
- 5. Irish Aviation Authority
- 6. Dublin Airport Authority
- 7. Fingal County 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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