

Case Reference: ABP-307788-20

Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016

Notice of Pre-Application Consultation Opinion

Proposed Development: Demolition of existing buildings, construction of 180 no. apartments and associated site works. CHM Premises, Ballymount Road Lower, Walkinstown, Dublin 12.

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 constitute a reasonable basis for an application for strategic housing development.

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:

 A detailed statement of consistency and planning rationale, clearly outlining how in the prospective applicant's opinion, the proposal is not premature and is consistent with local planning policies having specific regard to the zoning objective of the site REGEN and Policy Objective CS6 SLO 1 (Subject of Variation no. 3) and its applicability to the development site in question.

- 2. A detailed statement, which should provide adequate identification of all such elements and justification as applicable, where the proposed development materially contravenes the Development Plan other than in relation to the zoning of the land, indicating why permission should, nonetheless, be granted, having regard to a consideration specified in section 37(2)(b) of the Act of 2000.
- 3. A visual impact assessment of the proposed development that addresses, inter alia, the scale and massing of the proposal in the context of the transitional nature of the receiving environment, which includes domestic scale two storey development to the east in Walkinstown Crescent. The VIA should also address views along Ballymount Road including the proposed treatment to the public realm.
- **4.** A report that specifically addresses the proposed building materials and finishes and the requirement to provide high quality and sustainable finishes and details.
- 5. A Housing Quality Assessment that provides details in respect of the proposed apartments set out as a schedule of accommodation, with the calculations and tables required to demonstrate compliance with the various requirements of the 2018 Guidelines on Design Standards for New Apartments. It is important that the proposal meets and preferably exceeds the minimum standards in terms of dual aspect and proportion of apartment which exceed the floor area by 10%. In the interests of clarity clear delineation / colour coding of floor plans indicating which of the apartments are considered by the applicant as dual / single aspect, single aspect north facing and which apartments exceeds the floor area by 10%.
- 6. A report that addresses issues of residential amenity (both existing residents of adjoining development and future occupants), specifically with regards to potential overlooking, overshadowing and overbearing. The report shall include full and complete drawings including levels and cross-sections showing the relationship between the proposed development and adjacent residential development.

- **7.** A Daylight and Shadow Impact Assessment of the proposed development, specifically with regard to:
 - (i) Impact upon adequate daylight and sunlight for individual units, public open space, courtyards, communal areas, private amenity spaces and balconies.
 - (ii) Impact to neighbouring properties devoid of proposed and existing landscaping and trees.
- Clarification at application stage regarding connection to water and drainage infrastructure having regard to the Irish Water submission, submitted to the Board on the 14.08.2020.
- **9.** Response to issues raised in transportation department report dated 24.08.20, accompanying the PA Opinion dated 01.09.20.
- 10. Detailed landscape drawings that illustrate hard and soft landscaping, useable communal open space, meaningful public open space, quality audit and way finding. The public open space shall be usable space, accessible and overlooked to provide a degree of natural supervision. Details of play equipment, street furniture including public lighting and boundary treatments should be submitted.
- **11.** A full response to matters raised within the PA Opinion and Appended City Council Department comments submitted to ABP on the 01.09.2020

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. An Taisce
- 3. Heritage Council
- 4. Fáilte Ireland
- 5. An Chomhairle Ealaionn
- 6. Irish Aviation Authority
- 7. South Dublin County Childcare Committee.
- 8. Dublin City Council planning department.

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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