

Case Reference: ABP-310772-21

Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016

Notice of Pre-Application Consultation Opinion

Proposed Development: 120 no. apartments and associated site works. Glenamuck Road North, Carrickmines, Dublin 18.

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. <u>Development Strategy</u>

Further consideration and/or justification of the documents as they relate to the design strategy for the site in respect of:

(a) The interface with the lands to the south east and the development permitted under An Bord Pleanála Reference No. PL.06D.304995, the public realm at Glenamuck Road North and the interface with adjoining lands, as they relate to the design and layout of the proposed development and the desire to ensure that the proposal provides a high quality, positive intervention at this location. Particular regard should also be had to creating suitable visual relief in the treatment of elevations and interface with adjacent lands. An architectural report, urban design statement and addition al CGIs/visualisations should be submitted with the application.

- (b) A contextual layout plan which indicates the layout of adjoining developments, photomontages and cross sections at appropriate levels, including details of how the proposed development interfaces with contiguous uses/lands and adjoining roads.
- (c) Detailed rationale/justification regarding the suitability of the proposed site to accommodate the proposed height, density and housing mix with regard to the provisions of the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Development Plan 2016-2022 and relevant national and regional planning policy including the 'Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas' (including the associated 'Urban Design Manual'); The 'Design Standards for New Apartments Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (2020) and the 'Urban Development and Building Heights Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (2018).
- (d) In addition to the consideration of local statutory policy and national policy and guidelines, particular regard should be had to demonstrating that the proposal satisfies the criteria set out inter alia in section 3.2 and SPPR3 of the Urban Development and Building Heights, Guidelines for Planning Authorities (December 2018). The applicant should satisfy themselves that the design strategy for the site, as outlined in red, provides the optimal outcome for the subject lands.

The response should also include a report that specifically addresses the proposed materials and finishes and the requirement to provide high quality and sustainable finishes and details Particular attention is required in the context of the visibility of the site and to the long-term management and maintenance of the proposed development. A Building Life Cycle report shall

also be submitted in accordance with section 6.13 of the Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments (2020).

The further consideration / justification should have regard to, inter alia, the guidance contained in the Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2020, the Urban Development and Building Height Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2018; the Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas (2009) and the accompanying Urban Design Manual; the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets 2013; and the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Development Plan 2016-2022.

The further consideration of these issues may require an amendment to the documents and/or design proposals submitted.

2. Traffic and Transportation

Further consideration and/or justification of the documents as they relate to the:

- (a) Proposed works to the Glenamuck Road North and proposed traffic management measures.
- (b) Provide a justification for the level of car parking proposed. The justification should include an analysis of car parking demand taking account of the site's location and the level of connectivity (by all modes) to services and employment.
- (c) The Car Parking Strategy for the proposed development, having particular regard to the quantum of residential parking proposed, how it is intended to be assigned and managed.
- (d) Pedestrian and cycle links to adjoining lands and connections to public transport routes and cycle/pedestrian infrastructure.
- (e) A response to the issues raised in the report of the Transportation Division of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, as contained in the Planning Authority's Opinion dated 4th August 2021.

The further consideration of these issues may require an amendment to the documents and/or design proposals submitted.

3. Potential Impacts on Residential Amenities & adjoining lands

Further consideration/justification of the documents as they relate to potential impacts on residential amenities of adjoining residential properties and impacts on adjacent lands to include:

- (a) Daylight, Sunlight and Overshadowing analysis, showing an acceptable level of residential amenity for future occupiers of the proposed development, which includes details on the standards achieved within individual rooms within the development, in communal open spaces and in public areas within the development. The impact on adjoining lands and residential properties and uses should also form part of the assessment.
- (b) Further consideration of the details and mitigation proposed, to ensure that the proposed development has been designed to avoid direct overlooking of adjacent residential properties and units within the scheme. The response should include a report that addresses issues of residential amenity (both of adjoining developments and future occupants), specifically with regards to overlooking, visual dominance and noise. The report shall include full and complete drawings including levels and cross-sections showing the relationship between the proposed development and adjoining residential development (permitted or built).
- (c) The development should be designed so as not to have a negative impact on any potential redevelopment of adjacent lands.
- (d) Consideration of the impact on the development/redevelopment potential of adjoining lands, having regard to, inter alia, the limited separation distances proposed between the development and site boundaries.

The further consideration of these issues may require an amendment to the documents and/or design proposals 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. A housing quality assessment which provides the specific information regarding the proposed apartments required by the 2020 Guidelines on Design Standards for New Apartments. The assessment should also demonstrate how the proposed apartments comply with the various requirements of those guidelines, including its specific planning policy requirements.
- 2. Justification/rationale for approach to Childcare provision
- 3. A Landscape Impact Assessment and a Visual Impact Assessment including CGIs and details of proposed materials and finishes that would address the impact of the proposed development on Glenamuck Road North and when viewed from adjoining properties and neighbouring residential areas and roads, as well as the environment provided within the scheme. The assessment should include long views of the site from all approaches given the prominent location of the site due to the topography of the area.
- Respond to issues raised in the Planning Authority Opinion received by An Bord Pleanála on the 4th August 2021.
- 5. Address issues raised in the Irish Water submission dated 9th August 2021.
- **6.** An Ecological Impact Assessment.
- 7. A Tree survey, Tree Retention Pan, Tree Constraints and Arboricultural Assessment.
- 8. A draft Construction Waste Management Plan, draft Construction and Environmental Management Plan and a draft Operational Waste Management Plan.

- 9. Where the prospective applicant considers that the proposed strategic housing development would materially contravene the relevant development plan or local area plan, other than in relation to the zoning of the land, a statement indicating the plan objective(s) concerned and why permission should, nonetheless, be granted for the proposed development, having regard to a consideration specified in section 37(2)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000. Notices published pursuant to Section 8(1)(a) of the Act of 2016 and Article 292 (1) of the Regulations of 2017, shall refer to any such statement in the prescribed format.
- 10. The information referred to in article 299B(1)(b)(ii)(II) and article 299B(1)(c) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2018, , unless it is proposed to submit an EIAR at application stage.

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.
- 4. Relevant 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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