



An
Bord
Pleanála

Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016

Notice of Pre-Application Consultation Opinion

Case Reference: ABP-312212-21

Proposed Development: 445 no. Build to Rent apartments, plus a crèche and all associated site works. Sector 3, Aiken's Village, Stepaside, Co Dublin.

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:

1. In accordance with section 5(5)(b) of the Act of 2016, as amended, any application made on foot of this opinion should be accompanied by a statement that in the prospective applicant's opinion the proposal is consistent with the relevant zoning objectives of the development plan for the area. Such statement should have regard to the development plan in place, at the date of

the decision of the Board in respect of any application for permission under section 4 of the Act.

2. In accordance with section 5(5)(b) of the Act of 2016, as amended, any application made on foot of this opinion should be accompanied by a statement that in the prospective applicant's opinion the proposal is consistent with specific objectives of the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Development Plan 2022 – 2028.
3. A detailed statement, which should provide adequate identification of all such elements and justification as applicable, where / if the proposed development materially contravenes the statutory Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Development Plan 2022 – 2028, 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.
4. A detailed statement demonstrating how the proposed development ties in with the wider development strategy for the landholding and the overall Aiken Village / Belarmine area, with regard to live permissions on the site and adjoining lands and an overall phasing strategy.
5. A detailed schedule of accommodation which indicates consistency with relevant standards and SPPRs in the Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments, Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (2020) including a report (Site Specific Management Plan) which addresses the use of the residential support facilities and amenity areas.
6. A childcare demand analysis, including but not restricted to the justification for size of the proposed crèche, the likely demand and use for childcare places resulting from the proposed development.
7. Inclusion of a Social and Community Audit of the schools in the vicinity in particular school going children and the accommodation of additional requirement resulting from the proposed development.
8. 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.

9. A Daylight and Shadow Impact Assessment of the proposed development, specifically with regard to:
 - Impact upon adequate daylight and sunlight for individual units, public open space, courtyards, communal areas, private amenity spaces and balconies.
 - Impact to any neighbouring properties devoid of proposed and existing landscaping and trees.
10. Submission of a Traffic and Transport Assessment to include car parking and cycle parking and access rationale.
11. An up to date Ecological Assessment, inclusive of a Bat Survey.
12. A response to matters raised within the PA Opinion submitted to ABP on the 24th January 2022.
13. A life cycle report shall be submitted in accordance with section 6.13 of the Sustainable Urban housing: Design Standards for New Apartments (2020). The report should have regard to the long-term management and maintenance of the proposed development. The applicant should consider the proposed materials and finishes to the scheme including specific detailing of finishes, the treatment of balconies in the apartment buildings, landscaped areas, child friendly spaces, pathways, and all boundary treatments. Particular regard should be had to the requirement to provide high quality and sustainable finishes and details which seek to create a distinctive character for the development.
14. A site layout plan indicating what areas, if any, are to be taken in charge by the planning authority.
15. Site Specific Construction and Demolition Waste Management Plan.

16. Details of public lighting.

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, as amended:

1. Irish Water
2. Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Childcare Committee

PLEASE NOTE:

Under section 6(9) of the Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016, as amended, 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 2020 or any other enactment and cannot be relied upon in the formal planning process or in legal proceedings.

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