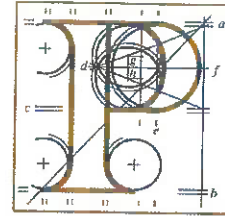


**Our Case Number:** ABP-308393-20

**Your Reference:** Mater Misericordiae University Hospital



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Karl Kent  
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Co. Dublin

**Date:** 29th October 2020

**Re:** Provision of Infectious diseases unit at Mater Misericordiae Hospital  
Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Eccles Street, Dublin.

Dear Sir,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer further to the above-mentioned pre-application consultation request.

Please find enclosed a copy of the written record of the first meeting of the 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2020.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

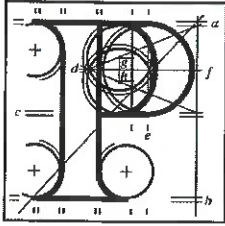
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## Record of Meeting ABP-308393-20 1<sup>st</sup> meeting

<b>Description</b>	Proposed construction of 112 bed unit at Mater Hospital, Dublin.		
<b>Case Type</b>	Pre-application consultation		
<b>1st / 2nd / 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>		
<b>Date</b>	22/10/20	<b>Time</b>	11 am – 12.10 pm

<b>Representing An Bord Pleanála</b>
Rachel Kenny, Director of Planning (Chair)
Ciara Kellett, Assistant Director of Planning
Breda Gannon, Senior Planning Inspector
Rob Mac Giollarnáth, Executive Officer <a href="mailto:r.macgiollarnath@pleanala.ie">r.macgiollarnath@pleanala.ie</a>
<b>Representing the prospective Applicant</b>
Karl Kent, Doyle Kent Planning
Donal Blake Scott Tallon Walker Architects
Alan Sharp CEO Mater Hospital

## **Introduction:**

The Board referred to the letter received from the prospective applicant requesting pre-application consultations and advised the prospective applicant that the instant meeting essentially constituted an information-gathering exercise for the Board; it also invited the prospective applicant to outline the nature of the proposed development and to highlight any matters that it wished to receive advice on from the Board. The Board mentioned the following general procedures in relation to the pre-application consultation process:

- The Board will keep a record of this meeting and any other meetings, if held. Such records will form part of the file which will be made available publicly at the conclusion of the process. The record of the meeting will not be amended by the Board once finalised, but the prospective applicant may submit comments on the record which will form part of the case file.
- The Board will serve notice at the conclusion of the process as to the strategic infrastructure status of the proposed development. It may form a preliminary view at an early stage in the process on the matter.
- A further meeting or meetings may be held in respect of the proposed development.
- Further information may be requested by the Board and public consultations may also be directed by the Board.
- The Board may hold consultations in respect of the proposed development with other bodies.
- The holding of consultations does not prejudice the Board in any way and cannot be relied upon in the formal planning process or any legal proceedings.

## **Presentation by the prospective applicant:**

### **Project background:**

The proposal has been developed at The Mater Hospital in order to:

- Provide urgently needed isolation facilities for Covid 19 patients during the Covid emergency,
- support and facilitate the continued services of the hospital to deal with the dealing with day to day services of other patients which are being chronically impacted by the Covid situation,
- to be delivered in compliance with contemporary space, environmental and other relevant standards.

**Proposed development consists of:**

- 24 acute bed unit (Level 2)
- 16 Bed ICU unit (Level 3)
- 24 Bed Renal/Renal Isolation unit (Level 4)
- 24 acute bed unit (Level 5)
- 24 Isolation ward unit (PPVL) (Level 6)

**The relevant drawings relating to the proposed project are contained within the prospective applicant's presentation.**

The project is driven by the need to provide extra beds to deal with the extra demand created by Covid-19. This in turn would alleviate pressure on other services and on other beds in the Mater Hospital that would be otherwise be available for patients and for other treatments (elective surgery etc). The proposed development would align with the design of the recently developed Whitty Wing and there would be enhanced landscaping proposed to integrate the development into the surrounding area. Some of the beds that are currently available for treating patients are located in multi-beds wards and would therefore not be appropriate for treating patients with Covid-19. The development itself would be sponsored by the Health Services Executive. The extra beds are required to cope with further spikes in the number of Covid-19 patients combined with any rise in numbers suffering from seasonal infections such as winter influenza.

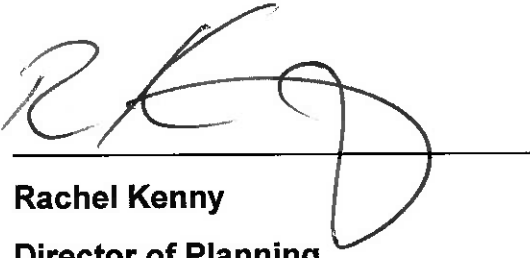
## **Discussion:**

The following matters were discussed:

- Given the number of beds proposed and the nature of the proposal the project would appear to constitute strategic infrastructure development. The prospective applicant is anxious to proceed with the proposed development as soon as possible. In this regard the prospective applicant may seek to lodge the application and also seek an exemption from the requirement to submit an Environmental Impact Assessment Report pursuant to section 172(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended. The prospective applicant was also considering, given the circumstances, of seeking a Ministerial direction regarding the project pursuant to section 181 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended.
- There was a general discussion between Board's representatives and the prospective applicants regarding the applicability of both provisions mentioned above as they applied to the proposed project.
- On behalf of the Board's representatives it was indicated that given the public need relating to the proposed development that they would facilitate in a timely fashion requests for clarification, further meetings or Board determinations regarding the matter.

## **Conclusion:**

The record of the instant meeting will issue. The prospective applicant can then respond with their own comments on issues raised in the record. It may be that a further meeting will be held to clarify and to develop issues or if the prospective applicant was satisfied that a further meeting was not required, they could request that the pre-application consultation process be concluded.



**Rachel Kenny**  
**Director of Planning**