

Case	29S.PC0185 - Proposed National Maternity Hospital at St. Vincent's		
Reference/	University Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin 4		
Description			
Case Type:	Section 37B of the Planning and Develompent Act 2000, as amended		
Meeting:	2 nd Meeting		
Date:	19 th March 2015	Start Time:	11.00 a.m.
Location:	Conference Room, An Bord Pleanála	End Time:	11.25 p.m.
Chairperson:	Anne Marie O'Connor, Assistant Director of Planning		

Attendees:			
Representing An Bord Pleanála			
Anne Marie O'Connor, Assistant Director of Planning			
Kevin Moore, Senior Planning Inspector			
Marcella Doyle, Senior Executive Officer			
Sinéad McInerney, Executive Officer			
Representing Prospective Applicant			
Eleanor Masterson, Deputy Chief Architectural Advisor, HSE Estates			
Sean Mahon, Project Director, O'Connell Mahon Architects – Project Architects			
Paul O'Neill, Project Manager, GVA – Planning Consultants			
Jane Doyle, SID Advisor, Doyle Kent			



Introduction

The prospective applicant was welcomed and the teams were introduced.

The Board's representatives noted that, further to the first pre-application consultation meeting held on 1st December 2015, the prospective applicant submitted a statement dated 23rd February 2015 detailing the role of the National Maternity Hospital in a national and regional context.

It also noted and agreed to the proposed agenda for this meeting which was submitted by the prospective applicant.

The prospective applicant confirmed that it had no comments to make in relation to the record of the first pre-application consultation meeting.

Preliminary View of the Strategic Infrastructure Division of Board

The Board's representatives advised the prospective applicant that it is the preliminary view of the Strategic Infrastructure Division of the Board that the proposed development is strategic infrastructure development.

Update on Design Progress and Consultation

The prospective applicant stated that, at the time of the first pre-application consultation meeting, the design of the proposed development was still very much at a strategic level. It advised that it has now reached a conclusion of the outline approach and is proceeding to the more detailed design stage. Studies will be carried out, including impact of the proposed building height on adjoining properties and the surrounding environment, and engagement will commence with relevant hospital personnel in relation to specific design requirements relating to the operation of the proposed hospital.

Consultations with local residents and other interested parties have not yet commenced however it expects that these will take place over the coming months.

Consultation with planning authorities will also take place. It is intended to meet with Dublin City Council with regard to development design proposals, building area requirements, and the design response and mitigation. More detailed discussions will take place with Dublin City Council as the project progresses and it is intended that a series of workshops with representatives of the planning authority will be held.



The prospective applicant stated that it will also engage with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council in relation to traffic impacts, in particular, but that it will also consult with the planning department.

The Board's representatives advised the prospective applicant that it intends to meet with Dublin City Council also, however this will not take place until the project is at a more developed stage. It is likely that a meeting will also take place with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. These meetings will be held in advance of the Board's next meeting with the prospective applicant, and the Board's representatives suggested that the prospective applicant should advise the Board when it has met with the planning authorities and the project is more advanced.

It was confirmed by the prospective applicant that it will carry out its own scoping exercise with regard to the information to be contained in the environmental impact statement (EIS) and it will likely present elements of that exercise to the Board for information.

Any Matters Arising from Consideration of the Proposal to Date

The prospective applicant enquired if there were any matters arising from the Board's consideration of the proposal to date that should be addressed by the prospective applicant.

The Board's representatives reiterated matters that were referred to at the first preapplication consultation meeting and that might be addressed at a future meeting as follows:

- Information on how the proposed development will fit into the Masterplan for the campus and details on how the hospital complex will function into the future.
- Information on how the project will be developed within a functioning hospital complex.
- Details of consultation with the local community.
- Traffic and transportation issues.

The prospective applicant noted same. With regard to consultations, the prospective applicant confirmed that it is currently identifying appropriate groups to engage with and will update the Board's representatives at the next meeting.

With regard to proposed location of a construction compound for the proposed development, the prospective applicant advised that it is at too early a stage to confirm if sufficient space is available within the existing campus to accommodate



same while developing the proposal within a functioning hospital. It stated that it will review the matter and will advise the Board if it is proposed to locate the compound outside the hospital campus.

Any Other Business

It is anticipated that an application may be lodged at end of the third quarter of 2015.

Next Steps / Meeting

The prospective applicant agreed to advise the Board when the project is at a more advanced stage and it has met with Dublin City Council and Dun Laoghaire County Council. The Board's representatives will then meet with the planning authorities in advance of a further meeting with the prospective applicant. At the next meeting the Board's representatives will expect a presentation updating it on the status of the proposed development and relevant studies being carried out, including preparation of the EIS and appropriate assessment screening.

Conclusion

The prospective applicant will revert to the Board in due course.

Anne Marie O'Connor
Assistant Director of Planning
April 2015