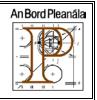


Case Reference/	29S.PC0185		
Description	Proposed National Maternity Hospital at St. Vincent's University Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin 4.		
Case Type:	Section 37B of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.		
Date:	15 th December, 2015	9 a.m.	
Location:	Board's offices		
Chairperson:	Anne Marie O'Connor		

Attendees:
Representing An Bord Pleanála
Anne Marie O'Connor – Assistant Director of Planning
Kevin Moore – Senior Planning Inspector
Diarmuid Collins – Senior Administrative Officer
Kieran Somers – Executive Officer
Representing Prospective Applicant
Paul O'Neill, Project Manager, GVA Planning Consultants
Sean Mahon, Project Director, O'Connell Mahon Architects
Eleanor Masterson, Deputy Chief Architectural Advisor, HSE Estates

The Board referred to its previous meeting with the prospective applicant of the 18th November, 2015 and the record of this meeting. It asked the prospective applicant if it had any comments it wished to make on this record. The prospective applicant replied it had one comment to make: it said that the reference to Site Master Plan in the previous record of that meeting should more properly refer to Site Capacity Study.

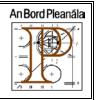


The Board representatives advised the prospective applicant that since the time of the previous meeting they met with the SID division of the Board. Following on from this, the SID division of the Board had a meeting in relation to the case and has made a Board Direction dated the 14th December, 2015. The Board's representatives referred to the main issues which have been raised in this Board Direction which include transport and accessibility, scale of proposed development/ alternatives considered within the campus, and circulation/ urban design/ campus operation. The Board's representatives then provided the prospective applicant with a copy of the said Board Direction and allowed a number of minutes for it to consider the contents.

Following consideration of the Board Direction, the prospective applicant commented that the issues raised in the Board Direction are matters which it has already assessed and discussed in detail with bodies such as Dublin City Council. The prospective applicant also referred to the Site Capacity Study in this regard. With respect to traffic and accessibility, the prospective applicant said that there have been comprehensive discussions with the relevant stakeholders.

Based on the contents of the Board Direction, the prospective applicant said that it would require a further meeting with An Bord Pleanála in order to fully address the matters raised. The prospective applicant raised concerns that there may be a misunderstanding in terms of what is being proposed. It made the point that the proposed development is for a maternity hospital, not an acute hospital. The prospective applicant expressed the view that the details of the Board Direction do not accurately reflect the specifics of the proposed development. It was agreed generally that the best approach would be for the prospective applicant to prepare a written submission in response to the matters raised in the Board Direction. The Board's representatives stated that the file would remain confidential until the process was concluded and at that stage any response from the prospective applicant would be on the file.

The prospective applicant said that certain aspects of the matters raised in the Board Direction would have been addressed in the formal planning application. It remarked that some of the issues relating to transport and accessibility raised by the Board may be outside the control of the applicant. Referring to the campus generally, the prospective applicant said that there is a mobility strategy in place and that, with respect to the instant case, consultations between it and the relevant stakeholders have been very positive.



Responding to the prospective applicant on traffic and accessibility, the Board representatives pointed out that while some of the matters being raised may occur outside the red line boundary of the subject site, they relate to impacts arising from the proposed development. It was stated that the prospective applicant should consider further discussions with relevant transport authorities and providers in order to address the matters raised in the Direction. The prospective applicant noted this latter point, but reiterated that some issues being raised are outside the remit and control of the applicant.

With respect to other matters raised in the Board Direction, the prospective applicant said that there is information available in relation to these and it is satisfied these can be properly addressed.

Conclusion:

It was agreed that a further meeting between the Board and prospective applicant will take place in January, 2016. In the meantime, the prospective applicant will formulate a written response and forward this to the Board.

The meeting concluded at 9.45 a.m.

Anne Marie O'Connor Assistant Director of Planning