

## BUILDING LIFE CYCLE REPORT Lands at Cookstown Rd, Enniskerry, Co Wicklow



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### INTRODUCTION

The Sustainable Urban Housing; Design Standards for New Apartments – Guidelines for Planning Authorities were published in March 2018 (hereafter referred to as the Apartment Guidelines). The Apartment Guidelines introduced a requirement to include details on the management and maintenance of apartment schemes. This is set out in Section 6.11 to 6.14 - "Operation & Management of Apartment Developments", specifically Section 6.13.

Section 6.13 of the Apartment Guidelines 2018 requires that apartment applications shall:

"shall include a building lifecycle report, which in turn includes an assessment of long term running and maintenance costs as they would apply on a per residential unit basis at the time of application"

"demonstrate what measures have been specifically considered by the proposer to effectively manage and reduce costs for the benefit of residents."

This Building Life Cycle Report document sets out to address the requirements of Section 6.13 of the Apartment Guidelines. The report is broken into two sections as follows:

#### Section 01:

An assessment of long term running and maintenance costs as they would apply on a per residential unit basis at the time of application

#### Section 02:

Measures specifically considered by the proposer to effectively manage and reduce costs for the benefit of residents.

### PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The proposal description, as per the statutory planning notices, is as follows:

- A) 105 no. 2 storey houses (49 no. 3 bedroom houses [House Types B, B1, & B2], 56 no. 4 bedroom houses [House Types A, D, E & E1];
- *B)* 56 no. apartments/duplex apartments in 6 no. 3 storey buildings (28 no. 2 bedroom apartments and 28 no. 3 bedroom duplex apartments) all with terrace;
- C) 4 no. 1 bedroom Maisonette dwellings in a 2 storey building;
- D) Part 2-storey and single storey creche (c. 510 sq. m including storage);
- E) Open space along southern boundary of c. 0.93 hectares [with pedestrian connections to boundary to 'Lover's Leap Lane' to the south and to boundary to the east and west], hard and soft landscaping (including public lighting) and open space (including boundary treatment), communal open space for duplex apartments; regrading/re-profiling of site where required [including import/export of soil as required] along with single storey bicycle/bin stores and ESB substation;
- *F)* Vehicular access (including construction access) from the Cookstown Road from a new junction as well as 313 no. car parking spaces and 150 no. cycle spaces;
- *G)* Surface water attenuation measures and underground attenuation systems as well as connection to water supply, and provision of foul drainage infrastructure (along the Cookstown Road to existing connection at junction with R760) and provision of underground local pumping station to Irish Water specifications;
- H) 3 no. temporary (for 3 years) marketing signage structures [2 no. at the proposed entrance and 1 no. at the junction of the R760 and the Cookstown Road] and a single storey marketing suite (c. 81 sq.m) within site;
- All ancillary site development/construction/landscaping works, along with provision of footpath/public lighting to Powerscourt National School pedestrian entrance and lighting from Powerscourt National School entrance to the junction of the R760 along southern side of Cookstown Road and pedestrian crossing across Cookstown Road.



### **SECTION 01**

AN ASSESSMENT OF LONG TERM RUNNING AND MAINTENANCE COSTS AS THEY WOULD APPLY ON A PER RESIDENTIAL UNIT BASIS AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION

#### 1.1. Property Management of the Common Areas of the development

A property management company will be engaged at an early stage of the development to ensure that all property management functions are dealt with for the development and that the running and maintenance costs of the common areas of the development, including communal areas of open space, residential amenity facilities and any public areas not taken in charge by the local authority, are kept within the agreed Annual operational budget.

The property management company will enter into a contract directly with the Owners Management Company (OMC) for the ongoing management of the built development. This contract will be for a maximum period of 15 years and in the form prescribed by the PSRA.

The Property Management Company also has the following responsibilities for the apartment development once constructed:

- Timely formation of an Owners Management Company (OMC) which will be a company limited by guarantee having no share capital. All future purchasers will be obliged to become members of this OMC.
- Preparation of annual service charge budget for the development common areas.
- Fair and equitable apportionment of the Annual operational charges in line with the Multi Units Development Act 2011 (MUD Act).
- Engagement of independent legal representation on behalf of the OMC in keeping with the MUD Act including completion of Developer OMC Agreement and transfer of common areas.
- Transfer of documentation in line with Schedule 3 of the MUD Act.
- Estate Management.
- Third Party Contractors Procurement and management.
- OMC Reporting.
- Accounting Services.
- Corporate Services.
- Insurance Management.
- After Hours Services.
- Staff Administration.

#### 1.2. Service Charge Budget

The property management company has a number of key responsibilities, primarily the compiling of the service charge budget for the development for agreement with the OMC. The service charge budget covers items such as cleaning, landscaping, refuse management, utility bills, insurance, maintenance of mechanical/electrical lifts/ life safety systems, security, property management fee, etc., to the development common areas in accordance with the Multi Unit Developments Act 2011 ("MUD" Act).

This service charge budget also includes an allowance for a Sinking Fund and this allowance is determined following the review of the Building Investment Fund (BIF) report prepared for the OMC. The BIF report once adopted by the OMC, determines an adequate estimated annual cost provision requirement based on the needs of the development over a 30-year cycle period. The BIF report will identify those works which are necessary to maintain, repair, and enhance the premises over the 30-year life cycle period, as required by the Multi Unit Development Act 2011.

In line with the requirements of the MUD Act, the members of the OMC will determine and agree each year at a General Meeting of the members, the contribution to be made to the Sinking Fund, having regard to the BIF report produced.

A sample format of the typical BIF report is set out in Appendix A.

Note: the detail associated with each element heading i.e. specification and estimate of the costs to maintain / repair or replace, can only be determined after detailed design and the procurement/ construction of the development and therefore has not been included in this document.

### **SECTION 02**

MEASURES SPECIFICALLY CONSIDERED BY THE PROPOSER TO EFFECTIVELY MANAGE AND REDUCE COSTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF RESIDENTS.

#### 2.1. Energy and Carbon Emissions

The following are an illustration of the energy measures that are planned for the units to assist in reducing costs for the occupants.

Measure		Description		Benefit
BER Certificates	the proposed developm of the dwellings. A BER i heating, ventilation, and A2/A3 rating for the apa A2 – 25-50 kwh/m2/yr v	Iding Energy Rating (BER) certificate will be provided for each dwelling in roposed development which will provide detail of the energy performance e dwellings. A BER is calculated through energy use for space and hot water ng, ventilation, and lighting and occupancy. It is proposed to target an 3 rating for the apartments this will equate to the following emissions. 25-50 kwh/m2/yr with CO2 emissions circa 10kgCO2/m2 year		
Fabric Energy Efficiency	Building Fabric Performa The U-values being prop current regulatory requ 2019 "Conservation of I U-values The U-Values that will I exceed the minimum ta appropriate. The table these standards and the U-Values Floor Roof (Flat) Roof (Pitched) Walls Windows Thermal Bridging Thermal bridges occur fabric and are typically fabric due to a lack of co Careful design and detai these junctions can redu	osed will be in line with the irements of the Technical Fuel and Energy Buildings of the targeted for the dwelling rigets set out in Part L 202 below sets out the minimi- targets range that will be Range of Target Values Proposed 0.10 to 0.18 W/m2K 0.15 to 0.18 W/m2K 0.12 to 0.18 W/m2K 1.2 to 1.4 W/m2K 1.2 to 1.4 W/m2K at junctions between plan defined as areas where h portinuity of the insulation i ling of the manner in whic use the rate at which the h	e requirements set out by f Guidance Documents Par other than Dwellings". Ings in this development of 11 or Part L 2019 as may um requirements of each adopted for the site. Part L 2019 Compliant Values 0.18 W/m2K 0.16 W/m2K 0.16 W/m2K 1.4 W/m2K 1.4 W/m2K har elements of the build eat can escape the build n the adjoin elements.	t L minimise heat losses through the building fabric, lower of energy consumption and thus minimise carbon emissions to the environment.
	fabric due to a lack of continuity of the insulation in the adjoin elements. Careful design and detailing of the manner in which insulation is installed at these junctions can reduce the rate at which the heat escapes. Standard good practice details are available and are known as Acceptable Construction Details (ACDs). Adherence to these details is known to reduce the rate at which heat is lost.			

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Measure	Description	Benefit
	The rate at which heat is lost is quantified by the Thermal Bridging Factor of the dwelling which is entered into the overall dwelling Part L calculation.	
	It is intended that all building junctions will either be designed in accordance with the Acceptable Construction Details (issued by The Department of the Environment) or that thermal modelling will be carried out for all thermal bridges on the dwellings within proposed development. The resultant Thermal Bridging Factor will be in the range of 0.04W/m2K to 0.08W/m2K.	
	Air Tightness A major consideration in reducing the heat losses in a building is the air infiltration. This essentially relates to the ingress of cold outdoor air into the building and the corresponding displacement of the heated internal air. This incoming cold air must be heated if comfort conditions are to be maintained. In a traditionally constructed building, infiltration can account for 30 to 40 percent of the total heat loss, however construction standards continue to improve in this area.	
	In order to ensure that a sufficient level of air tightness is achieved, air permeability testing will be specified carried out on all dwellings. A design air permeability target of 3 m3/m2/hr has been identified for the apartments and houses on the site.	
Energy Labelled White Goods	The white good package planned for provision in the apartments will be of a very high standard and have a high energy efficiency rating. It is expected that the below appliance ratings will be provided:	The provision of high rated appliances in turn reduces the amount of electricity required for occupants.
	Oven - A plus     Eridge Erector: A plus	
	<ul> <li>Fridge Freezer - A plus</li> <li>Dishwasher - AAA</li> </ul>	
	• Washer/Dryer - B	
External Lighting	The proposed lighting scheme within the development consists of range of luminaires, each selected to suit the specific location on the site. All fittings selected will be LED and will be mounted on columns ranging in height up to but not exceeding 6m. Each light fitting shall be controlled via an individual Photoelectric Control Unit (PECU). The operation of the lighting shall be on a dusk-dawn profile.	The site lighting will be designed to provide a safe environment for pedestrians, cyclists and moving vehicles, to deter anti-social behaviour and to limit the environmental impact of artificial lighting on existing flora and fauna in the area.

The following are **Low energy technologies** that are being considered for the development and during the design stage of the development the specific combination from the list below will be decided on and then implemented to achieve the A2/A3 BER Rating.

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Measure	Description	Benefit
Demand Controlled Mechanical Ventilation	Centralised mechanical ventilation will be provided to all dwellings to ensure that the air quality within the dwellings will be adequate. The system will be designed to respond to occupancy usage patterns and to humidity levels within the dwelling.	Mechanical ventilation provides enhanced air quality in modern air tight dwellings which are otherwise designed to minimise unwanted air infiltration
PV Solar Panels	PV Solar Panels will be considered as an option for both houses and apartments in order to meet the renewable energy contribution required by Part L of the Building Regulations. These panels convert sunlight into electricity which can be used within the dwelling. The panels are typically placed on the South facing side of the building to maximise the solar exposure.	<ul> <li>PV Solar Panels offer the benefit of reducing fossil fuel consumption and carbon emissions to the environment.</li> <li>They also reduce the overall requirement to purchase electricity from the grid.</li> </ul>
Air Source Heat Pump	As part of the overall energy strategy for houses, the use of Air Source Heat Pumps will be assessed to determine their technical and commercial feasibility. These systems extract heat energy from the outside air and, using a refrigerant cycle, raise the temperature of the heat energy using a refrigerant vapour compression cycle.	Air source heat pumps use electrical energy from the grid to drive the refrigerant cycle but do so extremely efficiently. Modern heat pumps will typically provide 4 to 5 times more heat energy to the dwelling than the electrical energy they consume.
	For apartments, there are products which incorporate air source heat pump technology but which do not require the traditional "outdoor unit" making them suitable for apartments. These are general referred to as "Exhaust Air Heat Pumps" and are capable of extracting energy from the air within the apartment through a ducting system.	
ECAR Charging Points	Ducting and on street infrastructure will be considered for the housing development to provide EV charging facilities in on-street parking spaces. This system operates on a single charge point access card. A full re-charge can take from one to eight hours using a standard charge point. Furthermore, all houses with on-curtilage parking will be wired to allow future installation of EV charging points by house purchasers.	Providing the option of E-car charging points will futureproof the development

#### 2.2. Materials

The practical implementation of the Design and Material principles has informed design of building facades, internal layouts and detailing of the proposed buildings.

#### 2.2.1.Buildings

All proposed buildings are designed in accordance with the Building Regulations, in particular Part D 'Materials and Workmanship', which includes all elements of the construction. The Design Principles and Specification are applied to both the apartment units and the common parts of the building and specific measures taken include:

Measure Description	Benefit
Openable window sections are provided to all stair cores within the development providing natural daylight to circulation areas.	Avoids the requirement for continuous artificial lighting
Openable window sections are provided to all stair cores within the development providing Natural/Passive ventilation to common circulation areas.	Openable window sections are provided to all stair cores within the development providing natural daylight and ventilation throughout all common areas. Avoids costly mechanical ventilation systems and associated maintenance and future replacement.
Natural ventilation though grills, louvres and tree pits are proposed to provide fresh air to basement and sub-basement areas.	Avoids costly mechanical ventilation systems and associated maintenance and future replacement
External paved and landscaped areas	All of these require low/minimal maintenance

#### 2.2.2. Material Specification

Measure Description	Benefit
Consideration is given to the requirements of the Building Regulations and includes reference to BS 7543:2015, 'Guide to Durability of Buildings and Building elements, Products and Components', which provides guidance on the durability, design life and predicted service life of buildings and their parts.	Ensures that the long-term durability and maintenance of Materials is an integral part of the Design and Specification of the proposed development.
<ul> <li>All common parts of the proposed houses and apartments and the durability and performance of these are designed and specified in accordance with Figure 4; Phases of the Life Cycle of BS7543; 2015. (Please see Appendix B for this figure). The common parts are designed to incorporate the guidance, best practice principles and mitigations of Annexes of BS 7543: 2015 including:</li> <li>Annex A Climatic Agents affecting Durability</li> <li>Annex B Guidance on materials and durability</li> <li>Annex C Examples of UK material or component failures</li> <li>Annex D Design Life Data sheets</li> </ul>	

The architectural approach to the scheme proposed the extensive use of robust materials of brickwork and textured render to the building envelope.	These traditional materials will require minimal on-going maintenance and have a longer life-cycle expectancy.
Use of factory finished and alu clad or uPVC windows and doors.	Requires no on-going maintenance.
Roof tiles proposed to the main roof and the canopy over the front doors of the houses.	Requires no on-going maintenance.
Reconstituted stone sills, window surrounds and copings are proposed.	Requires no on-going maintenance.

#### 2.3. Landscape

Measure	Description	Benefit
Site Planning	Generous and high-quality landscape with planting providing screening and ecological corridors within the proposed development. Significant tree planting and soft landscaping within streetscape and public spaces.	Natural attenuation and landscape maintenance preferable
Paving Materials	Use of robust materials with high slip resistance to be used for paving. Products to have highly pigmented top layer to reduce fading over time. Durable and robust equipment (e.g. play, exercise, fencing etc.) to be used throughout.	Required ongoing maintenance significantly reduced through use of robust materials installed with proven details.
Planting details	Shrub, hedging, herbaceous, and meadow installation planting details provided.	Correctly installed planting will develop into well established and robust soft landscape reducing future maintenance.

#### 2.4. Waste Management

#### The following measures illustrate the intentions for the management of Waste.

Measure	Description	Benefit
Construction and Demolition Waste Management Plan	Details regarding Construction and Demolition Waste are set out in the Construction & Demolition Waste and By-Product Management Plan Prepared by Byrne Environmental	Construction and Demolition Waste Management Plan demonstrates how the scheme has been designed to comply with best practice.
Storage of Non- Recyclable Waste and Recyclable Household Waste	Inclusion of a centralised secure bin storage system in close proximity to duplex blocks. Houses will include storage of bins within their curtilage. Details of operational wase are set out in the Operational Waste Management Plan prepared by Byrne Environmental.	Easily accessible by all residents and minimises potential littering of the scheme
	Domestic waste management strategy: Grey, Brown and Green bin distinction. Competitive tender for waste management collection.	Helps reduce potential waste charges.
Composting	Organic waste bins to be provided throughout.	Helps reduce potential waste charges.

#### 2.5. Health & Well Being

The following are illustrations of how the health and well-being of future residents are considered.

Measure	Description	Benefit
Natural / Day Light	The design, separation distances duplex units have been designed to optimize the ingress of natural daylight/ sunlight to the proposed dwellings to provide good levels of natural light.	Reduces reliance on artificial lighting thereby reducing costs.
Accessibility	All units will comply with the requirements of Part M/K.	Reduces the level of adaptation, and associated costs, potentially necessitated by residents' future circumstances.
Security       The scheme is designed to incorporate passive surveillance with the following security strategies likely to be adopted:         • CCTV monitoring details       • Secure bicycle stands – covered by CCTV		Help to reduce potential security/management costs.
Natural Amenity	Appropriate areas of public open space are incorporated within the scheme. The main area of public open space will integrate with the public open space on the adjoining development site.	Proximity and use of parks promotes a healthy lifestyle

#### 2.6. Management

Consideration has been given to the ensuring the homeowners have a clear understanding of their property

Measure	9	Description	Benefit
Home U Guide	User	<ul> <li>Once a purchaser completes their sale, a homeowner box will be provided which will include:</li> <li>Homeowner manual – this will provide important information for the purchaser on details of their new property. It typically includes details of the property such as MPRN and GPRN, Information in relation to connect with utilities and communication providers, Contact details for all relevant suppliers and User Instructions for appliances and devices in the property.</li> <li>A Residents Pack prepared by the OMC which will typically provide information on contact details for the Managing agent, emergency contact information, transport links in the area and a clear set of rules and regulations.</li> </ul>	Residents are as informed as possible so that any issues can be addressed in a timely and efficient manner.

#### 2.7. Transport

Measure	Measure Description	Benefit
Access to Public Transport (Bus	Dublin Bus service number 44 currently connects Enniskerry	The availability,
Services)	with the city center. The 185 bus connects Enniskerry with	proximity and ease of
	Bray and the Dart Station providing an alternative route to the	access to public

city center.	transport services
	contributes to reducing
	the reliance on the
	private motor vehicle
	for all journey types.
Provision and subsequent maintenance of dedicated pedestrian and cycle infrastructure on-site, and their connectivity with the public road network providing convenient access to local services including shops, schools, restaurants and doctor's surgeries. The delivery of a new footpath along Cookstown Road is a major gain for the scheme providing a safe pedestrian route into Enniskerry	Ensure the long-term attractiveness of walking and cycling to a range of local education, retail and community facilities and services.
The provision of high quality secure and sheltered bicycle parking facilities, for both short term and long-term parking	Accommodates the uptake of cycling and reducing the reliance
requirements.	on the private motor vehicle.
Ducting will be provided from a local landlord distribution board to designated E-car charging car park spaces. Ducting and on street infrastructure will also be considered for the housing development to provide EV charging facilities in on- street parking spaces. Furthermore, all houses with on- curtilage parking will be wired to allow future installation of	To accommodate the growing demand for E- car which assist in decarbonising society and reducing oil dependency.
	<ul> <li>pedestrian and cycle infrastructure on-site, and their connectivity with the public road network providing convenient access to local services including shops, schools, restaurants and doctor's surgeries. The delivery of a new footpath along Cookstown Road is a major gain for the scheme providing a safe pedestrian route into Enniskerry Village.</li> <li>The provision of high quality secure and sheltered bicycle parking facilities, for both short term and long-term parking requirements.</li> <li>Ducting will be provided from a local landlord distribution board to designated E-car charging car park spaces. Ducting and on street infrastructure will also be considered for the housing development to provide EV charging facilities in onstreet parking spaces. Furthermore, all houses with on-</li> </ul>

### **APPENDIX A:**

#### ITEMS INCLUDED IN A TYPICAL BIF

The BIF table below illustrates what would be incorporated for the calculation of a Sinking Fund.

	BUILDING INVESTMENT FUND (SINKING FUND) CALCULATIONS		
Ref	Element	Life Expectancy	Amount
1.00	Roofs		
1.01	Replacement felt roof covering incl. insulation to main roofs/ overhaul to green roofs.	18	
1.02	Replacement parapet details	18	
1.03	Replacement/ repairs to facias	18	
1.04	Replace roof access hatches	25	
1.05	Specialist Roof Systems - Fall arrest	25	
1.06	Overhaul waterproofing details to penthouse paved areas	12	
2.00	Elevations		
2.01	Recoat metal panels to penthouse apartments	25	
2.02	Minor repairs and preparation for decorations of rendered areas	18	
2.03	Replace exit/ entrance doors	25	
2.04	Replace Rainwater goods	25	
2.05	Recoat powder coated Finishes to balconies / Grills to Basement vents	20	
2.06	Periodic replacement and overhauling of external fixings	5	
2.07	Replace Balcony floor finishes	25	
3.00	Stair cores & lobbies (3No. Cores)		
3.01	Decorate Ceilings	7	

3.02	Decorate Walls	7	
3.03	Decorate Joinery	7	
3.04	Replace fire doors	25	
3.05	Replace carpets (stairwells & lobbies)	12	
3.06	Replace entrance mats	10	
3.07	Replace nosing's	12	
3.08	Replace ceramic floors tiles Entrance lobbies	20	
3.09	Fixed Furniture & Equipment - Provisional Sum	18	
4.00	Basement & Car Parking		
4.01	Remove/ Replace ceiling insulation	25	
4.02	Repaint parking spaces & Numbering	7	
4.03	Replace store doors, ironmongery & digi-locks	15	
4.04	Replace Bike stands	25	
4.05	Replace basement access control at entrance & core entrances	12	
5.00	M&E Services		
5.01	General - Internal re-lamping	7	
5.02	Replace Internal light fittings	18	
5.03	Replace External light fittings (lights at entrance lobbies)	18	
5.04	Replace smoke detector heads	18	
5.05	Replace manual break glass units/ disabled refuge call points	18	
5.06	Replace Fire alarm panel	18	
5.07	Replace lift car and controls	25	
5.08	Replace AOV's	25	
5.08	Replace security access control installation	15	
5.09	Sump pumps replacement	15	
5.10	External Mains Water connection	20	
5.12	Electrical Mains and Sub Mains distribution	20	

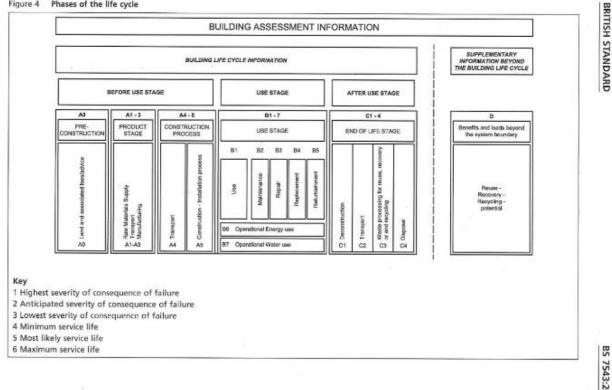
5.13	Emergency Lighting	20	
5.14	Overhaul and/or replace Waste Pipes, Stacks & Vents	20	
6.00	Exterior		
	External boundary treatments - Recoat powder coated		
6.01	Finishes to railings	60	
6.02	Replace external signage	18	
6.03	Replace cobblelock areas	18	
	15-year cutback & thinning of trees. Overhaul		
6.04	landscaping generally	20	
6.05	Replace CCTV provision	12	
6.06	External Handrails and balustrade	18	



### **APPENDIX B:**

#### Phases of the Life Cycle of BS7543; 2015





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