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Re: Strategic Housing Development Application
The construction of a residential development of 280 no. residential apartment units with supporting tenant amenity facilities, café, crèche, and all ancillary site development works at Bessborough, Ballinure, Blackrock, Cork.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We act on behalf of Estuary View Enterprises 2020 Limited who are submitting an application for a strategic housing development (SHD) at Bessborough, Ballinure, Blackrock, Cork.

Proposed Development

The proposed development consists of the construction of a residential development of 280 no. residential apartment units with supporting tenant amenity facilities, café, crèche, and all ancillary site development works. The proposed development includes 280 no. apartments to be provided as follows: Block A (6 no. studio apartments, 14 no. 1-bedroom, 34 no. 2-bedroom & 1 no. 3-bedroom over 1-6 storeys), Block B (37 no. 1-bedroom & 49 no. 2-bedroom over 6-10 storeys), Block C (31 no. 1-bedroom, 36 no. 2-bedroom & 6 no. 3-bedroom over 5-9 storeys) and Block D (30 no. 1-bedroom, 31 no. 2-bedroom & 5 no. 3-bedroom over 6-7 storeys). The proposal includes a new pedestrian/cycle bridge over the adjoining Passage West Greenway to the east, connecting into the existing down ramp from Mahon providing direct access to the greenway and wider areas.

The proposed development provides for outdoor amenity areas, landscaping, under-podium and street car parking, bicycle parking, bin stores, 2 no. substations one of which is single storey free standing, a single storey carpark access building, public lighting, roof mounted solar panels, wastewater infrastructure including new inlet sewer to the Bessborough Wastewater Pumping Station to the west, surface water attenuation, water utility services and all ancillary site development works. Vehicular access to the proposed development will be provided via the existing access road off the Bessboro Road. Part of the proposed development is situated within the curtilage of Bessborough House which is a Protected Structure (Reference: RPS 490).

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report and a Natura Impact Statement have been prepared in respect of the proposed development.

Purpose of Letter

Pursuant to article 285(5)(a) of the Planning and Development (Strategic Housing Development) Regulations 2017, An Bord Pleanála has requested that the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth be notified in the event of the making of an application in accordance with section 8(1)(b) of the Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016.

The office of the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth have advised that their preferred method of receipt of the application is via electronic copy. Please find enclosed a digital copy of the application and EIAR on USB. A full schedule of the plans and particulars that accompany the application are also enclosed with this cover letter.

The application plans, particulars and EIAR can also be viewed online at www.themeadowsshd.ie. Submissions or observations may be made in writing to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) during the period of 5 weeks from the receipt by ABP of the application.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Yours Sincerely



Harry Walsh
HW Planning

Bessborough SHD – Schedule of Documentation – Phase 1 ‘The Meadows’

Discipline	Consultant	Item
Planning	HW Planning	Cover Letter – ABP
		Cover Letter – Cork City Council
		Application Form
		Site Notice
		Press Notice
		Letters to Statutory Consultees as specified in ABP Opinion.
		Letter(s) of Consent
		Section 247 Meeting Minutes
		Planning Statement (including response to ABP Opinion)
		Statement of Consistency
		Material Contravention Statement
		Part V Costs Methodology
		Childcare Needs Assessment
Architecture	Shipsey Barry Architects	Architectural Design Statement -including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule of Accommodation / Housing Quality Assessment) • Accessibility Statement
		ABP Opinion Response Report (Architectural Items)
		Post Tripartite Alterations Report
		Waste Management Plan
		Land Ownership Map
		Site Location Mapping
		Site Layout Plan.
		Building Plans Sections and Elevations.

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		Site Phasing Map
		Site Location Map - TIC - Taking in Charge
		Survey
		Footbridge - Greenway Bridge Design Specification
Landscape	Ilsa Rutgers Landscape Architecture	Parkland Management Strategy
		Landscape Design Strategy Report
		Landscape Drawings
	Abor Care	Arboriculture Impact Assessment & Tree Protection Plan
Engineering & Traffic	MHL & Associates	Traffic and Transport Assessment
		Road Safety Audit
		Walking and Cycling Audit
		Statement of DMURS Compliance
		Mobility Management Plan
	JB Barry & Partners	Construction and Environmental Management Plan
		Services Infrastructure Report & Drawings
		Flood Risk Assessment
Environmental	DK Partnership	External Lighting Report
		Daylight Reception Analysis Report for Proposed Development
		Daylight Reception Analysis Report for Neighbouring Buildings
		Sunlight Reception Analysis Report
		Energy Analysis Report & Part L Compliance
		Telecommunications Signals Interference Report

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		Microclimate Report
	Dixon Brosnan Ecological Consultants	Natura Impact Statement
EIAR	HW Planning	Chapter 1 – Introduction
	HW Planning	Chapter 2 – Project Description
	Shipsey Barry Architects/HW Planning/	Chapter 3 – Alternatives Considered
	Macroworks & Pederson Focus	Chapter 4 – Landscape & Visual
	MHL & Associates	Chapter 5 – Material Assets – Traffic & Transportation
	JB Barry & Partners	Chapter 6 – Material Assets – Services, Infrastructure & Utilities.
	JB Barry & Partners	Chapter 7 – Land, Soils & Geology
	JB Barry & Partners	Chapter 8 – Water (Hydrology & Hydrogeology)
	Dixon Brosnan Ecological Consultants	Chapter 9 – Biodiversity
	John Cronin & Associates	Chapter 10 – Cultural Heritage
	DK Partnership	Chapter 11 – Noise & Vibration
	DK Partnership	Chapter 12 – Air Quality
	DK Partnership	Chapter 13 – Climate
	HW Planning	Chapter 14 – Population & Human Beings
	HW Planning	Chapter 15 – Interaction of Impacts
	HW Planning	Chapter 16 - Summary of Mitigation Measures