

Senior Administrative Officer,
Planning Department,
Civic Offices,
Wood Quay,
Dublin 8,
D08 RF3F

12th April 2022

Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: Planning application for a strategic housing development at this site at 'Hartfield Place', Swords Road, Whitehall, Dublin 9.

Please find enclosed an Application under Section 4 of the Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016.

The proposed development is described in the public notices as follows:

Eastwise Construction Swords Ltd intend to apply to An Bord Pleanála for permission for a strategic housing development at 'Hartfield Place', Swords Road, Whitehall, Dublin 9. The site is bound to the west by Swords Road, to the south by Highfield Hospital, to the north by vacant land and GAA pitches, and to the east by Beechlawn Nursing Home. To facilitate water services and road infrastructure connections/upgrades the application site red line extends to include a portion of Swords Road (including junctions with Iveragh Road and Collins Avenue), High Park and Grace Park Road (including junctions with Grace Park Heights and Sion Hill Road).

The proposed development will consist of the construction of 7 no. apartment blocks, ranging in height up to 8 storeys (over single level basement). This will provide 472 no. residential units (comprising 32 no. studios, 198 no. 1 beds, 233 no. 2 beds, and 9 no. 3 beds). All with associated private balconies/terraces to the north/south/east/west elevations. A creche (c.445.76sqm), a café unit (c.99sqm), and internal residential amenity space (c.511sqm), providing a sun lounge, gym, screening room, lounge, and meeting rooms, will also be provided.

The proposed development will include 337 no. car parking spaces, 982 no. cycle parking spaces, and 14 no. motorcycle spaces at basement/surface levels, public open space, and communal open spaces at ground and roof levels.

Vehicular access from Swords Road will be provided with associated works/upgrades to the existing public road layout, junctions, bus lane and footpath network to facilitate same. Two pedestrian/cyclist only access are provided from the Swords Road as well as a separate pedestrian and cyclist access to the southwest which also facilitates emergency vehicular access.

The application will include for all development works, landscaping, ESB substations, plant areas, bin storage, surface water attenuation, and site services required to facilitate the proposed development. Upgrades to the Irish Water network to facilitate the development are also proposed.

The application contains a statement setting out how the proposal will be consistent with the objectives of the relevant development plan or local area plan.

The application contains a statement indicating why permission should be granted for the proposed development, having regard to a consideration specified in section 37(2)(b) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, notwithstanding that the proposed development materially contravenes a relevant development plan or local area plan other than in relation to the zoning of the land.

A Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been prepared in respect of the proposed development.

The application together with an environmental impact assessment report may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, during public opening hours at the offices of An Bord Pleanála and Dublin City Council. The application may also be inspected online at the following website set up by the applicant: www.hartfieldshd.ie.

Any person may, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by An Bord Pleanála of the application and on payment of the prescribed fee of €20 (except for certain prescribed bodies), make a submission or observations in writing to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 or online at www.pleanala.ie relating to the implications of the proposed development, if carried out, for proper planning and sustainable development in the area or areas concerned, and the likely effects on the environment or the likely effects on a European site, as the case may be, of the proposed development, if carried out. Submissions or observations duly made will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in making a decision on the application. Such submissions or observations must also include the following information:

- (a) the name of the person, authority or body making the submission or observations, the name of the person, if any, acting on behalf of that person, authority or body, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent,
- (b) the subject matter of the submission or observations, and
- (c) the reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observations is or are based.

An Bord Pleanála may grant permission for the strategic housing development as proposed, or may grant permission subject to such modifications as it specifies in its decision, or may grant permission in part only, with or without any other modifications it may specify in its decision, or may refuse to grant permission for the proposed development. An Bord Pleanála may attach to a grant of permission such conditions as it considers appropriate.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Housing Development Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100).

A person may question the validity of a decision of An Bord Pleanála by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986), in accordance with sections 50 and 50A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (No. 30 of 2000), as amended.

Practical information on the review mechanism can be found in the Judicial Review Notice on the An Bord Pleanála website: www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website: www.citizensinformation.ie.

In line with this Act we have submitted 3 digital copies and 2 hard copies of the requested documents to An Bord Pleanála while a further 1 digital copy and 6 hard copies have been submitted to Dublin City Council as the local Planning Authority for this area. In addition to this, and as requested in the Pre-application Opinion, one digital copy has also been sent to each of the following prescribed bodies:

- Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- An Taisce- The National Trust for Ireland.
- The Heritage Council.
- Irish Water
- National Transport Authority (NTA)
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)
- Dublin City Childcare Committee

These prescribed bodies have requested a digital copy of the application and no hard copy be sent to them.

If you have any enquiries, please don't hesitate to contact this office.

Yours Faithfully,



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