

BUILDING LIFE CYCLE REPORT

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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 proposed development will consist of a residential scheme of 621 no. units (145 no. 1-bed units, 278 no. 2-bed units, 187 no. 3-bed units and 11 no. 4-bed units) comprising 349 no. apartments, 118 no. houses and 154 no. duplex units. Building heights range from 1 no. to 7 no. storeys (over basement level). The scheme provides for public open space, communal open space areas, a crèche, residential amenities (including concierge, multi-purpose room, meeting room and gym), a new public park to the north of the site as an extension to Broadmeadow Riverside Park and services / bin store areas. The development provides for a total of 705 no. car park spaces, 856 no. secure bike parking spaces and 21 no. motorbike spaces at basement, under-croft, and surface level. As part of the proposed development, temporary permission (3 no. years) is sought for a single-storey Marketing Suite and associated signage (including hoarding) during the development construction stage. Principal vehicular access to the site is from Glen Ellan Road, with an additional new secondary site entrance provided from Jugback Lane/Terrace. Pedestrian connections are provided to the site from Jugback Lane/Terrace, Glen Ellan Road and the proposed Broadmeadow Riverside Park extension. The development also includes infrastructure upgrade works to local roads junctions, and existing Irish Water infrastructure including the construction of a stormwater storage tank and an overflow outfall gravity sewer to the Broadmeadow river, all associated ancillary and site development works above and below ground including hard and soft landscaping, boundary treatments, lighting, SuDs, pumping station, ESB substations and services to facilitate the development.



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		Des	cription		Benefit
BER Certificates	A Building Energy Rating (BER) certificate will be provided for each dwelling in the proposed development which will provide detail of the energy performance of the dwellings. A BER is calculated through energy use for space and hot water heating, ventilation, and lighting and occupancy. It is proposed to target an A2 rating for the apartments this will equate to the following emissions. A2 – 25-50 kwh/m2/yr with CO2 emissions circa 10kgCO2/m2 year			Higher BER ratings reduce energy consumption and running costs.	
Fabric Energy Efficiency	e , e				Lower U-values and improved air tightness is being considered to help minimise heat losses through the building fabric, lower of energy consumption and thus minimise carbon emissions to the environment.
	U-Values	Range of Target Values Proposed	Part L 2011 Compliant Values	Part L 2019 Compliant Values	
	Floor	0.10 to 0.18 W/m2K	0.21W/m2K	0.18 W/m2K	
	Roof (Flat)	0.15 to 0.20 W/m2K	0.20 W/m2K	0.20 W/m2K	
	Walls	0.12 to 0.18 W/m2K	0.18 W/m2K	0.18 W/m2K	
	Windows	1.2 to 1.5 W/m2K	1.6 W/m2K	1.4 W/m2K	
	Thermal Bridgin	g occur at junctions b	etween planar elem	ients of the building	

Measure	Description	Benefit
	fabric and are typically defined as areas where heat can escape the building 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.	
	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 2 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: Oven - A plus Fridge Freezer - A plus Dishwasher - AAA Washer/Dryer - B 	The provision of high rated appliances in turn reduces the amount of electricity required for occupants.
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 from 4m to 6m. 3000K CCT LED to minimise impact on wildlife High efficiency 119 lm/W Zero Upward Light Output Ratio (ULOR) Intelligent lighting control systems provided along pedestrian routes in sensitive woodland areas Shading louvres included on light fittings adjacent to the most sensitive areas of the site. Meets or exceeds all other WCC Specification criteria. 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.

Measure	Description	Benefit
Condensing Boilers	If gas fired heating is adopted, condensing boilers will be provided as they have a higher operating efficiency, typically over 90%, than standard boilers and have the benefit of lower fuel consumption resulting from the higher operating efficiencies.	 Condensing boilers use the heat losses from the boiler flue to preheat the circulating heating water By preheating the heating water, the boiler can achieve efficiencies in excess of 90%
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.	PV Solar Panels offer the benefit of reducing fossil fuel consumption and carbon emissions to the environment. They also reduce the overall requirement to purchase electricity from the grid.
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. 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	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.
ECAR Charging Points	through a ducting system. Within the basement parking areas, ducting shall be provided from a local landlord distribution board to designated E-car charging car park spaces. This will enable the management company the option to install a number of E-car charging points within the basement carpark to cater for E-car demand of the residence. Ducting and on street infrastructure will also 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.
All common parts of the proposed Apartment buildings 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:	
 Annex A Climatic Agents affecting Durability Annex B Guidance on materials and 	
 durability Annex C Examples of UK material or component failures 	
Annex D Design Life Data sheets	



 The architectural approach to the scheme proposes
the extensive use of robust materials of brickwork
(predominately) and render to the building envelope.
The façade materials will consist of pressed metal and
stone to frame certain elements, and use of metal
frame for some balconies.
 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, and powder coated steel balconies
 Requires minimal on-going
maintenance.

2.3. Landscape

Measure	Description	Benefit
Site Planning	Generous and high-quality landscape with ecological corridors designed within the proposed development. Pedestrians prioritized over the car with the completion of the Parkside Greenway providing for a high-quality pedestrian and cyclist link. Significant tree planting and soft landscaping within courtyards and public spaces which will incorporate SuDS.	Natural attenuation and landscape maintenance preferable
Green Roofs	Use of green roofs and traditional roof coverings with robust and proven detailing to roof elements.	Green Roofs
Paving Materials	Use of robust materials with high slip resistance to be used for paving. Durable and robust equipment (e.g. play, exercise, fencing etc.) to be used throughout. Within the newly proposed public plaza, a cohesive and robust suite of paving and furniture materials integrated with a considered soft landscape design are to provide for a flexible and long-lasting public space.	Required ongoing maintenance significantly reduced through use of robust materials installed with proven details.
Planting details	Proven trees staking details. Shrub, hedging, herbaceous and lawn installation planting details provided. A combination of native and non-native planting have been selected to provide for a seasonal variety of benefit to pollinators. Suitable plant species and specification combined with the provision of adequate soil growing medium, both into ground and over podium, are to ensure a well- established planting scheme.	Correctly installed planting will develop into well established and robust soft landscape reducing future maintenance.

2.4. Waste Management

Measure	Description	Benefit
Construction and Demolition Waste Management Plan	Details regarding Construction and Demolition Waste Management Plan prepared by AWN Consulting Ltd.	The Construction and Demolition Waste Management Plan demonstrates how the scheme has been designed to comply with best practice.
Operational Waste Management Plan	The application is accompanied by an Operational Waste Management Plan prepared by AWN Consulting Ltd.	The report demonstrates how the scheme has been designed to comply with best practice.
Storage of Non- Recyclable Waste and Recyclable Household Waste	Residential waste storage allows for a weekly (seven day) storage capacity for MDR, food, glass and residual (i.e. nonrecyclable). Residential bins will be provided within dedicated storage rooms within the core of each residential block.	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.

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

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 and layout of the apartment blocks 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 and a universal access statement is provided within the design statement of this submission.		
Security	 The scheme is designed to incorporate passive surveillance with the following security strategies likely to be adopted: CCTV monitoring details Car registration recognition at entrance gate of basement parking area. Secure bicycle stands – covered by CCTV Routine access fob audits 	Help to reduce potential security/management costs.	
Natural Amenity	Large public areas of open space are evenly distributed throughout the site where they can be overlooked by surrounding residential units.	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

Meas	ure	Description	Benefit
Home Guide	User	Once a purchaser completes their sale, a homeowner box will be provided which will include:	Residents are as informed as possible so that any issues can be addressed in a timely and efficient manner.
		 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. 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. 	

2.7. Transport

Measure	Measure Description	Benefit
Access to Public Transport (Bus Services)	Numbers 41C, 41X and 43 Dublin Bus routes travel along Glen Ellen Road approximately 150m to the west of the subject site. The Swords Express services also operates along Glen Ellen Road with a stop 150m to the west of the site. The vast majority of these bus services operate daily and offer relatively frequent services (i.e. every 10 minutes at peak times).	The availability, proximity and ease of access to public transport services contributes to reducing the reliance on the private motor vehicle for all journey types.
Permeable Connections	Provision and subsequent maintenance of dedicated pedestrian and cycle infrastructure through the scheme and along Glen Ellen Road. Permeable connections are provided from scheme to connect to Jugback Lane and Glen Ellen Road.	Ensure the long-term attractiveness of walking and cycling to a range of local education, retail and community facilities and services.
Bicycle Storage	The provision of high quality secure and sheltered bicycle parking facilities, for both short term and long-term parking requirements.	Accommodates the uptake of cycling and reducing the reliance on the private motor vehicle.
Car Share	5no. dedicated car share spaces are proposed at surface level.	The availability and ease of access to car share facilities contributes to reducing the reliance on the private motor vehicle.
E-car Facilities	Ducting will be provided from a local landlord distribution board to designated E-car charging car park spaces.	To accommodate the growing demand for E- car which assist in de- carbonising society and reducing oil dependency.

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



