

Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016
Planning and Development (Strategic Housing Development) Regulations 2017

Notice of Strategic Housing Development
Application to An Bord Pleanála

We, Beo Properties Limited, intend to apply to An Bord Pleanála for permission for a strategic housing development at this site (c.14.166 ha), on existing agricultural lands located immediately to the south of the existing built area of Ratoath in County Meath. The site is generally bound to the north by Glascarn Lane, the rear of houses at Glascarn Lane, further existing residential dwellings and a permitted strategic housing development (Reg Ref: TA17/305196); to the east and south by existing agricultural fields and by Glascarn Lane; and to the west by Fairyhouse Road (R155), the rear of houses at Fairyhouse Road, the Carraig Na Gabhna and Cairn Court developments, and existing agricultural fields. The subject site is located on lands within the following town lands (in part): Legagunia, Commons, Jamestown, Glascarn and Newtown.

The proposed development will principally consist of the construction of 452 no. residential units and all associated ancillary accommodation, open space and site development works. The total gross floorspace (GFA) of the overall development is c.55,714.4 (c.59,177 with ancillary uses included) of which c.54,175 is residential and c.1,539.4 is non-residential uses. The proposed development will principally consist of 150 no. semi-detached and terraced dwelling houses (3-bed - with option to convert attic in 89 no. units, thereby creating 4-bed houses), 182 no. maisonettes (15 no. 1-bed & 167 no. 3-bed) and 120 no. apartments (100 no. 2-bed and 20 no. 3-bed)(with balconies/terraces across all elevations), with heights ranging from 2-3 storey terraced houses and 3-4-storey duplex buildings (1 storey ground floor units and 2 storey first and second floor units; 2 storey ground and first floor units and 2 storey second and third floor units) and 6-storey apartment blocks. The scheme provides the following house types (as detailed in the application pack materials):61 no. A1 (with the option to provide as A2 given similar appearance), 28 no. A2 (with the option to provide as A1 given similar appearance), 30 no. B1, 31 no. B2, 42 no. M1, 42 no. M2, 34 no. M3, 34 no. M4, 15 no. M5, 15 no. M6, 60 no. D1, 20 no. D2, 20 no. D3, 20 no. D4. The scheme is presented across 12 neighbourhoods (A-H & J-M), each with its own designated central communal open space, car and cycle parking (746 no. car parking spaces and 816 no. cycle parking space) as follows:

Neighbourhood A: consisting of 38 no. units comprising 4 no. 2 storey three-bedroom terraced housing units, 30 no. apartments (25 no. two-bedroom units and 5 no. three-bedroom units), 4 no. 2 storey three-bedroom maisonettes, ancillary accommodation, including lobby (c.53 sq. m), post room (c.13 sq. m), ESB storage (c.11 sq. m), water storage (c.14 sq. m), refuse storage (c.29 sq. m), bike storage (c.135 sq. m), car park (c.702 sq. m) associated private balconies/terraces/rear gardens, communal open space (c.662 sq. m), 51 no. surface and undercroft car parking spaces (42 no. residential and 9 no. visitor) and 92 no. cycle parking spaces.

Neighbourhood B: consisting of 43 no. units comprising 23 no. terraced housing units (10 no. 2 storey three-bedroom units and 13 no. 3 storey three-bedroom units), 20 no. 2 storey three-bedroom maisonettes, ancillary accommodation including, associated private balconies/terraces/rear gardens/winter gardens, communal open space (c.1,753 sq. m), 76 no. car parking spaces (66 no. residential and 10 no. visitor) and 52 no. cycle parking spaces.

Neighbourhood C: consisting of 62 no. units comprising 12 no. 2 storey terraced housing units, 30 no. apartment units (25 no. two-bedroom units and 5 no. three-bedroom units), 20 no. maisonette units (18 no. 2 storey three-bedroom units and 2 no. single storey one-bedroom units), ancillary accommodation, including lobby (c.53 sq. m), post room (c.13 sq. m), ESB storage (c.11 sq. m), water storage (c.14 sq. m), refuse storage (c.29 sq. m), bike storage (c.135 sq. m), , car park (c.702 sq. m), associated private balconies/ terraces/rear gardens, communal open space (c. 1,270 sq. m), 96 no. surface and undercroft car parking spaces (74 no. residential and 22 no. visitor) and 142 no. cycle parking spaces.

Neighbourhood D: consisting of 38 units comprising 14 no. terraced housing units (7 no. 2 storey three-bedroom units and 7 no. 3 storey three-bedroom units), 24 no. maisonettes (20 no. 2 storey three-bedroom units and 4 no. single storey one-bedroom units), ancillary accommodation, including associated private balconies/terraces/rear gardens, communal open space (c.798 sq. m), 62 no. car parking spaces (52 no. residential and 10 no. visitor), 60 no. cycle parking spaces and an ESB substation (c.14 sq. m).

Neighbourhood E: consisting of 30 units comprising 18 no. 2 storey three-bedroom terraced housing units, 12 no. 2 storey three bedroom maisonettes, ancillary accommodation, including associated private balconies/terraces/rear gardens, communal open space (c.643 sq. m), 56 no. car parking spaces (48 no. residential and 8 no. visitor), 30 no. cycle parking spaces and an ESB substation (c.14 sq. m).

Neighbourhood F: consisting of 36 units comprising 20 no. terraced housing units (12 no. 2 storey three-bedroom units and 8 no. 3 storey three-bedroom units), 16 no. 2 storey three-bedroom maisonettes, ancillary accommodation, including associated private balconies/terraces/rear gardens, communal open space (c.664 sq. m), 64 no. car parking spaces (56 no. residential and 8 no. visitor) and 42 no. cycle parking spaces.

Neighbourhood G: consisting of 29 units comprising 11 no. 3 storey three-bedroom terraced housing units, 18 no. maisonettes (15 no. 2 storey three-bedroom units and 3 no. single storey one-bedroom units), ancillary accommodation, including associated private balconies/terraces/rear gardens/winter gardens, communal open space (c.430 sq.m), 48 no. car parking spaces (40 no. residential and 8 no. visitor), 48 no. cycle parking spaces and an ESB substation (c.14 sq.m).

Neighbourhood H: consisting of 50 units comprising 8 no. terraced housing units (4 no. 2 storey three-bedroom terraced housing units, 4 no. 3 storey three-bedroom terraced housing units), 30 no. apartments units (25 no. two-bedroom units and 5 no. three-bedroom units), 12 no. 2 storey three-bedroom maisonettes, ancillary accommodation, including associated private balconies/terraces/rear gardens/winter gardens, 4 no. commercial/local retail units (c.533.6 sq. m), 4 no. wc (c.44 sq. m), lobby (c.50 sq. m), post room (c.14 sq. m), ESB storage(c.13 sq. m), water storage (c.14 sq. m), refuse storage (c.30 sq. m), communal bins (c.11 sq. m), bike storage (107 sq. m), communal open space (c.1,153 sq. m), 76 no. surface and undercroft car parking spaces (58 no. residential and 18 no. visitor) and 118 no. cycle parking spaces and an ESB substation (c.14 sq. m).

Neighbourhood J: consisting of 37 units comprising 13 no. terraced housing units (5 no. 2 storey three-bedroom units and 8 no. 3 storey three-bedroom units), 24 no. maisonette units (20 no. 2 storey three-bedroom units and 4 no. single storey one-bedroom units), ancillary accommodation, including associated private balconies/terraces/rear gardens/winter gardens, communal open space (c.1,148 sq. m), 56 no. car parking spaces (50 no. residential and 6 no. visitor) and 60 no. cycle parking spaces.

Neighbourhood K: consisting of 30 no. apartment units (25 no. two-bedroom units and 5 no. three-bedroom units), ancillary accommodation, including associated private balconies, ancillary childcare facility (c.1,003 sq. m) with associated play areas (c.727 sq. m), lobby (c.53 sq. m), post room (c.14 sq. m), ESB storage (c.13 sq. m), water storage (c.14 sq. m), refuse storage (c.28 sq. m), bike storage (c.132 sq. m), car park (c.702 sq. m) communal open space (c.200 sq. m), 38 no. surface and undercroft car parking spaces (30 no. residential and 8 no. visitor) and 92 no. cycle parking spaces, in addition to 22 no. car parking spaces for the creche.

Neighbourhood L: consisting of 35 units comprising 15 no. terraced housing units (11 no. 2 storey three-bedroom units and 4 no. 3 storey three-bedroom units), 20 no. maisonettes (18 no. 2 storey three-bedroom units and 2 no. single storey one-bedroom units), ancillary accommodation, including associated private balconies/terraces/rear gardens/winter gardens, communal open space (c.845 sq. m), 57 no. car parking spaces (50 no. residential and 7 no. visitor), 50 no. cycle parking spaces and an ESB substation (c.14 sq. m).

Neighbourhood M: consisting of 24 units comprising 12 no. terraced housing units (6 no. 2 storey three-bedroom units and 6 no. 3 storey three-bedroom units), 12 no. 2 storey three-bedroom maisonettes, ancillary accommodation, including associated balconies/terraces/rear gardens/winter gardens, communal open space (c.1,017 sq. m), 39 no. car parking spaces (36 no. residential and 3 no. visitor), 30 no. cycle parking spaces and an ESB substation (c.14 sq. m).

The proposed development also includes 2.247 ha of landscaped public open space which includes a civic plaza (0.513 ha), greenway spine (1.087 ha) and parklands (0.674 ha); solar PV Panels in various locations; and public lighting. All associated site development works above and below ground including hard and soft landscaping, roads/footpaths/cycle paths, play areas, boundary treatments, SuDs, pumping station, EV charging points, green roofs, ESB substations and services to facilitate the development.

Planning permission is also sought for a second phase of the Ratoath Outer Relief Road (RORR) (c. 22,825 sq. m), that will run along the southern boundary of the application site and join up to the existing constructed section of the RORR. The section of the RORR proposed as part of this development runs from a new signalised junction on the R155, east for approximately 1100m, to the end of the site boundary. The proposed roadway will provide access for the site in the form of two priority controlled junctions. A series of pedestrian and cycle connections are provided to site from the Fairyhouse Road (R155), Glascarn Lane and the new RORR as well as a pedestrian link to Carraig Na Gabhna. The site provides permeability through its internal road and shared surface networks, including pedestrian and cycle paths (implementing a segregated pedestrian and cycle path proposed along the RORR) but also within the site. A greenway will be provided across the site that will connect the R155 Fairyhouse Road with Garraig Na Gabhna road and Glascarn Lane. This greenway will provide pedestrian/cyclist connection to the newly proposed pedestrian/cyclist infrastructure along the RORR. Planning permission is also sought for all associated site development and infrastructural works, services provision, foul and surface water drainage, an extension to the foul water network, surface water and watermain along the RORR required to facilitate the development, access roads/footpaths, lighting, landscaping and boundary treatments.

The application contains a statement setting out how the proposal will be consistent with the objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027.

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.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been prepared in respect of the proposed development. The application together with the 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 Meath County Council. The application may also be inspected online at the following website set up by the applicant: www.ratoathsouthshd.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).

Signed: 

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