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Reg. Reference: SD21A/0258 **Application Date:** 15-Sep-2021 **Submission Type:** New Application **Registration Date:** 15-Sep-2021

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Proposed Development: 2 new signs at site entrance featuring company logo; 5

new signs on building facade featuring company logo and name; 2 Totem signs featuring company logo and

opening times etc; all associated site works.

Location: Turnpike Road, Ballymount, Dublin 22, D22P5R7

Applicant Name: SIG Trading Ltd.

Application Type: Permission

(EW)

Description of Site and Surroundings:

Site Visit: 19/10/2021

Site Area: Stated as 2.7 Hectares.

Site Description:

The subject site is located at the junction of Merrywell and Turnpike Road, within an established Industrial area. The overall site is currently in operation as SIG Construction Accessories warehouse set within in its own grounds. The site is located to the north of Turnpike Road and bound by a wall and railing to its southern and western boundaries. The pattern of development in the vicinity comprises large industrial and warehouse buildings however immediately west of the site are a terrace of residential housing.

Proposal:

- 2 new signs at site entrance featuring company logo;
- 5 new signs on building facade featuring company logo and name;
- 2 Totem signs featuring company logo and opening times etc; all associated site works.

Zoning:

The subject site is subject to zoning objective 'REGEN' - 'To facilitate enterprise and/or residential led regeneration'.

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Consultations:

Parks and Public Realm: No comments received at time of report.

Roads: No objection subject to conditions.

Submissions/Observations/Representations

None received.

Relevant Planning History

SD15A/0328 - Turnpike Road, Ballymount Industrial Estate, Dublin 22. **Granted Permission** Works to an existing warehouse including new mezzanine level (336sqm); new single storey porch to entrance (19.7sqm); vehicular access door to rear; 3 new illuminated signs, and works to existing office building including 3 new illuminated signs, and site works including 3 new illuminated signs at entrance; new designated vehicular and pedestrian traffic routes throughout the site.

Adjacent sites:

SD20A0302 - Units 5,6,7,8,9, Turnpike Business Park, Turnpike Lane, Ballymount, Dublin 22. **Granted Permission** for the erection of a 6000mm high totem style site sign for the Turnpike Business Park; the totem will be 1800mm wide x 250mm deep in plan, including lettering/numerals and illuminated elements to its north and south sides and will be located at the east boundary of the site near the site entrance; associated works.

SD19A/0070 – Granted Permission and Granted Retention for Internal extension of floorplates and amalgamation of units 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 and their change of use from light industrial to create a two storey office based industry unit of 1,520sq.m within the overall Turnpike Business Park development; Retention for the amalgamation of units 5, 6, and 7 that includes the retention of the internal extension of the original mezzanine floor to create a first floor level above the entire ground floor of these units and change of use of these units at ground and first floor level from light industrial to office based industry (910sq.m overall). Permission for the demolition of the first floor (281sq.m) within units 8 and 9 and the construction of a new first floor (305sq.m) above the entire ground floor of these units and the change of use of these units at ground and first floor level from light industrial to office based industry (610sq.m); Permission is also sought for changes to the car parking layout that will reduce the car parking spaces from 65 to 64 car parking spaces with vehicular access off Turnpike Road with a new gated access at the entrance into the car park; sheltered bicycle parking will be provided to serve the development; elevation changes and signage that include a new projecting sign (7.3sq.m) to the north of the east elevation and alteration of individual doors and shutter doors to windows on both the north and south elevation; new windows to both the north, west and south elevation at first floor level; all site and ancillary development works required to facilitate the development.

SD12A/0067 – SDCC **Granted Permission** for Erect a 4.525m high stand-alone advertisement sign, all ancillary site works. The permission has been implemented.

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S94A/0612 – Unit 1, Turnpike Business Park, Turnpike Lane, Ballymount, Dublin 22. SDCC **Granted Permission** for mezzanine floor for production and storage purposes.

Relevant Enforcement History

None recorded for subject site

Pre-Planning Consultation

None recorded for subject site.

Relevant Policy in South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2016-2022

Section 1.12.0 Employment Lands

Section 4.3.2 Employment and Residential in Regeneration Zones

ET Policy 2 Enterprise and/or Residential Led Development in Regeneration Zones.

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ET2 Objective 1:

To promote and support the consolidation or relocation of existing employment uses in Regeneration

'REGEN' zones and the upgrade of these areas to create opportunities for regeneration.

ET2 Objective 2:

To support proposals for more intensive compatible enterprise and/or residential led development on

lands designated with Zoning Objective 'REGEN', subject to appropriate design safeguards and based on a

traditional urban form that adhere to urban design criteria.

ET2 Objective 3:

To support proposals for incubator, starter and/or live work units on lands designated with Zoning Objective 'REGEN' (to facilitate enterprise and/or residential led regeneration)

Section 1.9.0: Local Area Plans, Approved Plans and Studies

Policy CS6 SLO 1

To prepare a Ballymount Local Area Plan for lands zoned REGEN, EE, and LC, stretching southwest from Walkinstown Roundabout along the Greenhills Road (including those areas adjacent to Greenhills Estate) to the M50, north from there to the Red Cow, east from there along the Naas Road to the city boundary, and along the boundary back to Walkinstown Roundabout. The subject Local Area Plan to be concluded by the end of 2018; and the lands north of this between the M50, the Grand Canal and city boundary currently zoned EE to be considered for inclusion in this plan. The Naas Road Framework Plan (2010) to be taken into consideration during the preparation of the Local Area Plan.

Section 4.1.0: Employment

Section 4.3.0: Employment Location Categories

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Policy ET1 Overarching

It is the policy of the Council to support sustainable enterprise and employment growth in South Dublin County and in the Greater Dublin Area, whilst maintaining environmental quality.

Policy ET1 Objective 2 Policy ET1 Objective 4 Policy ET1 Objective 6:

Section 4.3.3: Enterprise and Employment (EE) Zoned Lands

Policy ET3 Enterprise and Employment

It is the policy of the Council to support and facilitate enterprise and employment uses (high-tech manufacturing, light industry, research and development, food science and associated uses) in business parks and industrial areas.

Policy ET3 Objective 5 Policy ET3 Objective 6 Policy ET3 Objective 7

Section 11.1.1: Land-Use Zoning Tables Section 11.1.1 (i) Permitted in Principle Section 11.1.1 (ii) Open for Consideration Section 11.1.1 (iv) Transitional Areas

Section 11.2.0: Place Making and Urban Design

Section 11.2.1: Design Statements

Section 11.2.5: Enterprise and Employment Areas

Table 11.18: Key Principles for Development within Enterprise and Employment Zones

Variation No. 5 – Outdoor Advertising (South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2016 – 2022)

11.2.8 Signage – Advertising, Corporate and Public Information

- Signage relates to all signs erected on the exterior of buildings, within windows, as standalone structures or attached to public utilities. Signage has the potential to give rise to visual clutter and to alter the character of an area and as such will be carefully assessed.
- A South Dublin County Council Outdoor Advertising Strategy (2019) has been developed for commercial advertising in the public domain. This strategy forms the basis of a practical policy to be applied to all proposals for outdoor advertising. This strategy is based on an analysis of how sensitive different parts of the county are to advertisement structures and

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identifies constraints and opportunities for the location of these structures. It also sets out what types of structures are acceptable as outdoor advertising elements.

• While commercial viability is a consideration, it has been balanced with the need to create a high-quality public domain and to safeguard and enhance sensitive areas and sites. The strategy also aims to rationalise the location and concentration of existing advertising structures.

Development proposals that include signage and/or advertising structures should take account of the following:

- In general, signs on a building should only advertise goods or services that are associated with the premises and no more than 2 advertising signs should be erected on any elevation. Outdoor advertising structures (on buildings or standalone) will be assessed having regard to the South Dublin County Council Outdoor Advertising Strategy (2019).
- Signs should generally be limited to the ground floor of a building unless located directly over the entrance to a major commercial or retail building.
- Signs should be simple in design and integrate with the architectural language of the building and not obscure any architectural features.
- Signs should be proportionate to the scale of the building to which they are attached and sensitive to the surrounding environment.
- Signs attached to Protected Structures and in Architectural Conservation Areas should be in keeping with the character of the building and adhere to best practice conservation principles (see Section 11.5.3 Architectural Conservation Areas).
- •Any sign, advertising structure or associated structure should not create an obstruction to pedestrian or cyclist movement or create a traffic hazard.
- Careful consideration should be given to the materials used in the construction of a sign and the methods used to light it. The illumination of signs and advertising structures should have regard to the SDCC Outdoor Advertising Strategy (2019).
- Applications for advertising structures will be considered having regard to the South Dublin County Council Outdoor Advertising Strategy (2019).
 - To consider appropriately designed and located advertising structures primarily with reference to the zoning objectives and permitted advertising uses and with secondary consideration of the SDCC Outdoor Advertising Strategy (2019). In all such cases, the structures must be of high-quality design and materials, and must not obstruct or endanger road users or pedestrians, nor impede free pedestrian movement and accessibility of the footpath or roadway.

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• All signage within the traditional historical villages of the County must be respectful and enhance the historical context of the Architectural environment of these villages.

The criteria outlined in the South Dublin County Council Outdoor Advertising Strategy (2019) will also be applied.

Advertisements and Advertisement Structures

• Any work, letter, model, balloon, inflatable structure, kite, poster, notice, device or representation employed for the purpose of advertisement, announcement, or direction, and any structure such as a hoarding, scaffold, framework, <u>pole</u>, standard, device or sign (whether illuminated or not) and which is used or intended for use for exhibiting advertisements, or any attachment to a building or structure used for advertising purposes.

Section 11.8.1 Environmental Impact Assessment

Section 11.8.2 Appropriate Assessment

Section 11.4.1: Bicycle Parking Standards Section 11.4.2: Car Parking Standards

Section 11.6.0: Infrastructure and Environmental Quality

Section 11.6.4: Major Accidents – Seveso Sites

Section 11.8.0: Environmental Assessment

Section 11.8.1: Environmental Impact Assessment

Section 11.8.2: Appropriate Assessment

Schedule 5: Definition of Use Classes & Zoning Matrix Table

Relevant Government Guidelines

Project Ireland 2040 National Planning Framework, Government of Ireland, 2018.

Regional Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area 2010-2022, Dublin Regional Authority & Mid-East Regional Authority (2010).

Urban Design Manual: A Best Practice Guide, A Companion Document to the Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, (2009).

The Planning System and Flood Risk Management – Guidelines for Planning Authorities, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government & Office of Public Works (2009).

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Policy and Approach of the Health & Safety Authority to COMAH Risk-based Land-Use Planning, Health & Safety Authority (2010).

Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland – Guidance for Planning Authorities, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, (2009).

Smarter Travel – A Sustainable Transport Future. A New Transport Policy for Ireland 2009 – 2020, Department of Transport, (2009).

DoECLG Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2012),

National Cycle Manual – National Transport Authority (June 2011).

Assessment

The main issues for assessment are:

- zoning and council policy
- Signage and visual impact,
- Roads/traffic
- Appropriate Assessment.

Zoning and Council Policy

The site is subject to land-use zoning objective The subject site is subject to zoning objective 'REGEN' - 'To facilitate enterprise and/or residential led regeneration'. The use of signage associated with an existing commercial business is considered acceptable, subject to an assessment in terms of Council policy and visual impact.

In assessing the said proposal, compliance shall be noted with regard to Variation No. 5 – Outdoor Advertising (South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2016 - 2022).

Visual Impact

Signage Type / location	No.	Dimensions	sq.m	Assessment	Recommendatio n
Totem	2	5.4m (height) x 1.8m	9.72sq.m (total 19.44sq.m)	Details: The proposed signage is aluminium cladding in the wine and white company branding logo 'SIG'. The drawings or proposal do not allude to any up lighting of the proposed signs. Location: It is proposed	Additional Information: To clarify how it is proposed to light this form of signage. To reduce to one totem sign and relocate to the south western corner of

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				to locate one of the totem signs at the north western corner of the site, located off the Turnpike Road and the other close to the existing vehicular entrance off the southern access road. The Planning Authority consider that the erection of two totem signs are unnecessary and that one located at the south western corner would provide the necessary direction to anyone wishing to visit the site.	the site.
Building Façade - West	1 (Existing 2)	2.9m x 5.6m 1.8 x 10 0.9 x 3.9 1.4 x 3.6	16.24sq.m 18sq.m 3.51sq.m 5.04sq.m (26.55sq.m)	The western façade will be the most visible façade and will act as the main wayfinding element to the site. Any proposals for signage on the site should maximum the potential at this location. The proposed new signage (measuring 16.24sqm) taken in conjunction with existing signage (measuring 26.55sqm) totalling 42.79sqm may be deemed to represent visual clutter. The applicant may wish to reconsider the rationale for signage at this location and consider increasing the length and height of the existing signage above the main access to the building rather than add 'Signage 3' to the west elevation.	Additional Information The applicant should be requested to submit a rationale for the proposed signage and reduce visual clutter at this location. Consideration should be given to increasing the length and height of the existing signage above the main access doorway to the building rather than add 'Signage 3' to the west elevation.
Building Façade - South	2	2.3m x 11.417m	26.26sq.m x 2 = Total 52.5sq.m	The southern elevation will be highly visible and the Planning Authority recognises that the existing sign on this façade may be in the wrong place.	Additional Information The applicant should be requested to submit a rationale for the proposed signage and submit

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				Notwithstanding this, the proposed 52.5sqm signs are considered to be excessive and one large sign located in the south west façade within the space below the southwest roof apex may be more effective. Again, a rationale for the design and location of the signage may help the assessment of such. As a minimum one of these signs should be omitted.	proposed to reduce visual clutter at this location. In particular one of the signs at the southern elevation should be omitted.
Building Façade - East	1	5.6m x 2.9m	16.24sq.m	The eastern elevation is tucked in behind other industrial buildings and will not be visible from adjoining roads. It is not clear why signage is required on the eastern elevation. The Planning Authority has no objections to this sign but fails to understand why it is necessary. Again a rationale should be	Additional Information A rationale for all signage should be sought.
Building Façade - North	1	5.6m x 2.9m	16.24sq.m	sought. The northern façade is tucked in behind the Ducati building and although it can be viewed from the Turnpike Road it is not highly visible. Similar to the proposed signage on the eastern elevation it is not clear why signage is required at this location. If the signage on the western elevation is consolidated in a more effective way the signage on the northern elevation may not be necessary. A full signage rationale should be sought.	Additional Information A rationale for all signage should be sought.
Entrance	2	1.1 x 2.2	2.42sq.m x 2 = total	Two signs providing the same information may be	Additional Information

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	4.84sq.m	considered excessive and	A rationale for all
		may give rise to visual	signage should be
		clutter.	sought.

It is noted that the existing façade has branding applied on the western elevation with three signs applied and the southern elevation with one large sign (that were included in the original Planning Application SD15A/0328). The application of a further 7 signs to the west, south and east of the site has the potential to give rise to visual clutter and as such will be considered excessive in numbers.

Also noted is the proposal for the additional 2 new signs at the south facing entrance of the site that will be coinciding with existing signage, stating, 'Gate A' and 'Trade Counter & Collections'. Having regard to the visual impact of the development on the adjoining residential amenity to the west and noting the existing signs applied to the warehouse structure façade and entrance at this location, it is considered that the numbers of signage proposed coinciding with the design size proposals for the development would be excessive in size and numbers and therefore contravene 11.2.8 Signage – Advertising, Corporate and Public Information and Variation No. 5 – Outdoor Advertising (South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2016 – 2022).

The overall numbers of signage are requested to be reduced to be consistent with Council policy. The applicant is requested to revise the number of signage proposed by way of **Additional Information** and have regard to the following:

In general, signs on a building should only advertise goods or services that are associated with the premises and no more than 2 advertising signs should be erected on any elevation. Outdoor advertising structures (on buildings or standalone) will be assessed having regard to the South Dublin County Council Outdoor Advertising Strategy (2019).

Roads and Traffic

Roads

The Roads Department has no objections and states the following:

Applicant shall reference section 11.2.8 of the South Dublin Co. Council County Development Plan; most notably:

- Any sign or associated structure should not create an obstruction to pedestrian or cyclist movement or create a traffic hazard
- Careful consideration should be given to the materials used in the construction of a sign and the methods used to light it ensuring traffic is not subjected to excessive night-time glare

Design:

Applicant to provide design drawing for Totem signs (to include foundations & main structure).

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The following conditions to apply:

- 1. Applicant to provide statement confirming compliance with CDP 11.2.8
- 2. Applicant to provide Totem signage design drawings.

The above recommendation is noted from the Roads Department and will be applied by **condition** in the event of a grant of permission.

Transport Infrastructure Ireland

No comments were requested from TII, however regard shall be had to the following:

DoECLG Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2012), 3.8 Signage:

On national roads, the erection of signage needs to be tightly regulated for road safety and environmental reasons. Planning authorities must avoid proliferation of roadside signage, especially outside the 50-60 kmh speed limit areas in a manner that would reduce the effectiveness of essential signage such as directional and other authorisied road traffic signs, create visual clutter and distractions for road users and/or reduce visibility at junctions, interchanges and bends. In particular, the practice of random parking of large truck trailers on lands visible from the public road as a form of advertising hoarding and/or the sale of cars on the roadside should be regarded by planning authorities as forms of unauthorised development. Enforcement mechanisms are available under existing statutory codes and should be used as necessary under such planning legislation and other legislative codes taking account of the road safety, planning and environmental impacts of such practices.

The proposed development is not on a national road and has been assessed under County Development Plan policy. It is considered to be acceptable and will not have a negative impact on the national road.

Environmental Impact Assessment

Having regard to the modest nature of the proposed development, and the distance of the site from nearby sensitive receptors, there is no likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development. The need for environmental impact assessment can, therefore, be excluded at preliminary examination and a screening determination is not required.

Screening for Appropriate Assessment

The applicant has not provided information to assist with the screening for appropriate assessment. Having regard to the nature of the development, the existing connection to water services and the distance from the Natura 2000 sites, the proposed development would not require a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.

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Other Considerations

Development Contributions

The proposed development relates to the erection of a totem style signage and façade signage. Development Contributions are not applicable.

SEA Monitoring Information

- Land Type- Brownfield/Urban Consolidation
- Site Area (Ha.) 2.7 hectares.

Conclusion

Having regard to the 11.2.8 Signage – Advertising, Corporate and Public Information and Variation No. 5 – Outdoor Advertising (South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2016 – 2022). It is considered that the number of signs proposed would cause visual clutter and would detract from the surrounding area and therefore would not be in accordance with the current South Dublin County Council Development Plan. The applicant shall submit a revised proposal by Additional Information and give full design details of the Totem Signage proposed.

Recommendation

I recommend that **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** be requested from the applicant with regard to the following:

- 1. The Planning Authority has concerns regarding the number and extent of the signage as proposed (having regard also to the proposed retention of signage previously permitted). It is considered that the numbers of signage proposed coinciding with the design size proposals for the development would be excessive in size and numbers and would give rise to significant and unnecessary visual clutter. There are also concerns that the proposed extent of the signage may contravene 11.2.8 Signage Advertising, Corporate and Public Information and Variation No. 5 Outdoor Advertising (South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2016 2022). The applicant is requested to reconsider the proposed signage rationale for the site and submit the following:
 - (i) An advertising strategy and rationale for the site. This should include information on how the site will be viewed from the existing pathway-network and what are the best locations for the signs to fulfil their functions. In this regard the following should form part of the revised design:
 - (a) The totem signage should be reduced to one only and be located in the south-west corner of the site (unless a rationale can support an alternative location).
 - (b) The western façade is considered to be the most visible façade and will act as the main wayfinding element to the site. Any proposals for signage on the site should maximum the potential at this location. The proposed new signage (measuring 16.24sqm) taken in conjunction with existing signage (measuring 26.55sqm) totalling 42.79sqm may be deemed to represent visual clutter. The applicant should reconsider the rationale for signage at this location and consider increasing the length and height of the existing

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signage above the main access door to the building rather than add 'Signage 3' to the western elevation.

- (c) The southern elevation is highly visible, the Planning Authority recognises that the existing sign on this façade may not be as effective as it should be. Notwithstanding this, the proposed 52.5sqm signs are considered to be excessive and one large sign located in the south-west corner of this southern façade (within the space below the south-west roof apex) may be more effective. As a minimum one of these signs should be omitted.
- (d) The eastern elevation is tucked in behind other industrial buildings and will not be visible from the adjoining pathway network. It is not clear why signage is required on the eastern elevation. The Planning Authority has no objections to this sign but fails to understand why it is necessary. A signage rationale may help to rationalise signage at this location.
- (e) The northern façade is tucked in behind the Ducati building and although it can be viewed from the Turnpike Road it is not highly visible. Similar to the proposed signage on the eastern elevation it is not clear why signage is required at this location. If the signage on the western elevation is consolidated in a more effective way the signage on the northern elevation may not be necessary. A full signage rationale should be submitted.
- (f) The two signs providing the same information at the vehicular access may be considered excessive and may give rise to visual clutter. A rationale should be submitted for these signs and if necessary reduced in size or one should be omitted.
- (ii) Having regard to Item (i), the applicant is requested to resubmit layout plans and elevations of the signage proposed and note that no more than 2 advertising signs should be erected on any elevation. Outdoor advertising structures (on buildings or standalone) will be assessed having regard to the South Dublin County Council Outdoor Advertising Strategy (2019).
- (iii) The applicant is requested to submit all lighting proposals for the signage. Please note that internally illuminated signage is not acceptable.

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REG. REF. SD21A/0258 LOCATION: Turnpike Road, Ballymount, Dublin 22, D22P5R7

Tracy McGibbon,

A/Senior Executive Planner

ORDER:

I direct that ADDITIONAL INFORMATION be requested from the applicant as

set out in the above report and that notice thereof be served on the applicant.

Date: 9/4/2(

Eoin Burke, Senior Planner