

December 15, 2021

South Dublin County Council Planning Department
County Hall
Tallaght
Dublin 24
D24 A3XC

Re: Planning Application for Glazed Outdoor Dining Pergola extension at Edmondstown Golf Club Clubhouse, Edmondstown Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16 on behalf of Edmondstown Golf Club CLG

Dear Sir / Madam,

Introduction

Social distancing requirements under Covid-19 related restrictions have resulted in less customers for many businesses, especially those in the hospitality sector. The inability to facilitate socially distanced outdoor dining will potentially affect the capacity of several businesses to trade successfully.

As we learn to 'live with Covid', outdoor dining is fundamental to the safe reopening and recovery of hospitality-based businesses. In response to this and other challenges, Edmondstown Golf Club has identified a requirement to facilitate greater capacity for outdoor dining at its existing clubhouse. In particular, the club trialled temporary tented structures during 2021 and these were well received by club members and guests. However, these arrangements were unsuitable for inclement weather and were removed with the advent of winter storms. Accordingly, the club has developed plans for a more secure extension to the clubhouse while affording the flexibility to comply with ongoing Covid restrictions. The club now wishes to apply for planning permission for these proposed works.

Enclosures

Please find enclosed:

1. 6 copies of our proposal drawings and drawings issue sheet,
2. Completed planning application form,
3. Payment in the amount of €460.08
(Calculated as follows: €3.60 / m² x 127.8m²),
4. Newspaper notice ex. The Daily Star dated 15/12/2021 – 2 no. copies,
5. Two copies of the site notice, erected on 15. 12. 2021, and
6. Description of the proposal within this letter.

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Description of the Proposed Extension

The purpose of the proposed extension is to provide Edmondstown Golf Club with an attractive outdoor dining space which will allow club members and guests to follow Covid-19 social distancing regulations. The enclosed single storey pergola structures, with retractable roof and wall panels, will provide for all year outdoor dining facilities. The pergola structures are made of extruded aluminium profiles and the retractable roof blades are made from pressed aluminium sheeting. Three sides of the pergola structures will be fitted with full height, sliding, clear glazed panels. The flooring within the pergola enclosures will be level with the existing clubhouse bar and restaurant floor and finished in selected anti-slip porcelain tiling.

Apart from responding to social Covid-19 distancing requirements, the pergola enclosures will provide a light-filled hospitality space overlooking the golf course and will open up the somewhat enclosed existing bar and restaurant space to the very attractive outdoor environment.

Services

Rainwater goods are concealed within the hollow aluminium uprights of the pergolas. These will be connected to new drainage pipework around the pergola enclosures, which will be connected to the existing drainage system at the golf club, discharging to an open drain/swale on the golf course.

Conclusion

Edmondstown Golf Club members are keen to provide safe outdoor hospitality space which is compliant with Covid-19 curtailments and we hereby request that you look favourably on this application and grant permission.

Yours faithfully,


Seán Carew

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