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Reg. Reference: SD21B/0590 **Application Date:** 22-Nov-2021
Submission Type: New Application **Registration Date:** 22-Nov-2021
Correspondence Name and Address: Niall Duggan 4, Carrigmore Close, Aylesbury,
Tallaght, Dublin 24
Proposed Development: Ground floor & rear extensions with flat roof over;
first floor side extension with pitched roof over.
Location: 242, St. James Road, Greenhills, Dublin 12
Applicant Name: Stephen & Nadine Farrell
Application Type: Permission

(SW)

Description of Site and Surroundings:

Site Description

The application site contains an end of terrace property situated within a predominantly residential area. The property has front and rear gardens.

Site Area: 0.027 Ha. (Stated)

Proposal:

Permission is sought for the following works:

- **Ground floor (front) extension, flat roof,**
- **rear extensions, flat roof, and**
- **first floor side extension with pitched roof.**

Consultations:

Water Services: No objection, subject to conditions.

Irish Water: No objection, subject to conditions.

Submissions/Observations /Representations

None received to date.

Relevant Planning History

None.

Relevant Enforcement History

None.

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Pre-Planning Consultation

None.

Relevant Policy in South Dublin County Development Plan 2016-2022

Section 2.4.1 Residential Extension

Policy H18 Residential Extension

Objective 1

To favourably consider proposals to extend existing dwellings subject to the protection of residential and visual amenities and compliance with the standards set out in Chapter 11 Implementation and the guidance set out in the South Dublin County Council House Extension Design Guide, 2010 (or any superseding guidelines).

Section 7.1.0 Water Supply & Wastewater

Policy IE1 Water & Wastewater

Section 7.2.0 Surface Water & Groundwater

Policy IE2 Surface Water & Groundwater

Section 11.2.7 Building Height

Section 11.3.1 Residential

Section 11.3.1 (iv) Dwelling Standards

Section 11.3.1 (v) Privacy

Section 11.3.3 Additional Accommodation

Section 11.3.3 (i) Extensions

Section 11.7.2 Energy Performance in new Buildings

Section 11.8.0 Environmental Assessment

South Dublin County Council House Extension Design Guide, 2010

The House Extension design guide contains the following guidance on house extensions, including in particular front, side and rear extensions:

- *Respect the appearance and character of the area;*
- *Provide comfortable internal space and useful outside space;*
- *Do not overlook, overshadow or have an overbearing impact on neighbouring properties;*
- *Conserve water and save energy where possible;*
- *Locate extensions, particularly if higher than one storey, away from neighbouring property boundaries. As a rule of thumb, a separation distance of approximately 1m from a side boundary per 3m of height should be achieved.*

For rear extensions:

- *Match or complement the style, materials and details of the main house unless there are good architectural reasons for doing otherwise.*

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- *Match the shape and slope of the roof of the existing house, although flat-roofed single storey extensions may be acceptable if not prominent from a nearby public road or area.*
- *Make sure enough rear garden is retained.*
- *Do not create a higher ridge level than the roof of the main house.*
- *The roofline of large extensions to the rear of single storey bungalows should not be visible from public view to the front or to the side of the bungalow.*

For front extensions:

- *Keep the extension simple and complementary to the style of the house reflecting the style and details of the main house, e.g. window location, shape, type, proportion and sill details,*
- *Reflect the roof shape and slope of the main house,*
- *Try to expose and complement rather than hide or cover original distinctive features or a house such as bay windows,*
- *Keep front boundary walls or railings particularly if they are characteristic of the street or area,*
- *Try to maintain a minimum driveway length of 6m,*
- *Where an integrated garage is to be incorporated into an extension, doors should be recessed by at least 30-50cm from the front wall of the extension and the garage door designed to include vertical elements,*
- *Avoid extensions that are dominant or over-large in relation to the scale and appearance of the house,*
- *Avoid excessive use of 'cosmetic' features such as mock classical columns, Spanish arches, decorative lattice, fascia boards, balustrades, stonework, etc., that are not typical of the design of the original house,*
- *Avoid building an extension more than 1.5m in front of the existing front wall of the house if there is a regular building line along the street*

Side extensions:

- *-Match or complement the style, materials and details of the main house unless there are good architectural reasons for doing otherwise. Where the style and materials do not seamlessly match the main house, it is best to recess a side extension by at least 50cm to mark the change.*
- *Leave a gap of at least 1m between the extension and the side party boundary with the adjoining property to avoid creating a terraced effect. A larger gap may be required if that is typical between properties along the street.*
- *Match the roof shape and slope of the existing house. In the case of houses with hipped roofs it can be particularly difficult to continue the ridge line and roof shape; however it*

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is more visually pleasing to do so if this will not result in a terracing effect with the adjoining house.

- *Do not include a flat roof to a prominent extension unless there is good design or an architectural reason for doing so.*
- *Do not incorporate blank gable walls where extensions face onto public footpaths and roads.*
- *The use of a 'false' roof to hide a flat roofed extension is rarely successful, particularly if visible from the side.*
- *Avoid locating unsightly pipework on side elevations that are visible from public view. Consider disguising or recessing the pipework if possible.*
- *Extending a hipped roof to the side to create a gabled end or half-hip will rarely be acceptable, particularly if the hipped roof is visually prominent and typical of other houses along the street.*
- *Avoid the use of prominent parapet walls to the top of side extensions*

Relevant Government Guidelines

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

Regional, Spatial & Economic Strategy 2019 - 2031, Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly, 2019.

'Section 5 – Dublin Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan', in *Regional, Spatial and Economic Strategy 2019 – 2031*.

Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities: Best Practice Guidelines, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government (2007).

The Planning System and Flood Risk Management: Guidelines for Planning Authorities, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government (2009), as supplemented by 'Planning Circular 02/2014 Flood Risk Management', Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government (2014).

Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland - Guidance for Planning Authorities DoEHLG (2009)

Assessment

The main issues for assessment are:

- Zoning and Council policy;
- Visual impact and residential amenity;
- Services and drainage;

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- Environmental impact assessment; and
- Appropriate assessment.

Zoning and Council Policy

A residential development is permitted in principle under the land-use zoning objective 'RES' – 'To protect and/or improve residential amenity', subject to compliance with the relevant provisions of the South Dublin County Development Plan 2016 - 2022 and the South Dublin County Council House Extension Design Guide 2010.

Residential Amenity and Visual Impact

Ground floor (front) extension, flat roof

The porch extends 1.5m to the front of the dwelling, in keeping with the guidelines. It is noted that the proposal would have a flat roof.

The remaining driveway would be 5.8m, i.e. less than the 6m set out in guidance, however the minimal reduction in the standard is considered acceptable in this instance.

Rear extension, flat roof

The plans indicate that the proposed rear extension would measure 3.1m high (2.4m internal). It would extend the width of the property with no set off with the boundaries of the adjacent properties and would be 5m deep. The scale is considered acceptable and would not be overbearing or result in overlooking of adjacent occupiers. It is noted that the property to the south No. 244 is set off the boundary by approx. 3m. The impact in terms of overshadowing is, therefore considered acceptable.

Approx. 72sq.m rear garden space would remain following development. This is acceptable.

The rear extension would not be largely visible from the streetscape, and the design is considered acceptable.

First floor side extension with pitched roof.

The proposed first floor extension would be situated to the side of the dwelling, above an existing kitchen. The proposed extension would be flush with the main dwelling. The proposed ridge of the extension would be lower than the existing dwelling and the eaves would be the same height. As such, the general design of the extension is considered acceptable. The proposed bedroom would meet the minimum area requirement for a double bedroom. The proposed windows match the existing dwelling. No windows are proposed on the side elevation and a small bathroom window is proposed on the rear elevation.

The proposed extension is end of terrace and the addition of the first floor extension would not result in a terracing effect in this instance.

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This element of the proposal is acceptable in terms of visual impact.

The first floor extension would be in line with the existing front and rear building lines and would not result in any significant impacts in terms of overlooking, overbearing or overshadowing.

Water Services

Water Services and Irish Water have raised no objections, subject to conditions.

Screening for 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 the screening for Appropriate Assessment. Having regard to the nature of the development, connection to public services and the distance from the Natura 2000 sites the proposed development would not require a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.

Other Considerations

Development Contributions

Extension – 72sq.m.

Previous extensions – none.

40sq.m exemption

The assessable area is 32sq.m

SEA Monitoring

Building Use Type Proposed Residential – extension

Floor Area (sq.m) 72

Land Type Brownfield/Urban Consolidation

Site Area (Ha.) 0.027

Conclusion

In conclusion it is considered that the proposed extensions are acceptable in principle and, subject to conditions would not seriously injure the amenities of the area, and would accord with the South Dublin County Development Plan 2016 - 2022 and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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Recommendation

I recommend that a decision be made pursuant to the Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended, for the reasons set out in the First Schedule hereto, to Grant Permission for the said development in accordance with the said plans and particulars, subject to the condition(s) specified in the Second Schedule hereto, the reasons for the imposition of the said condition(s) being as set out in the said Second Schedule.

FIRST SCHEDULE

It is considered that the proposed development accords with the policies and objectives of South Dublin County Council, as set out in the South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2016 - 2022 and subject to the conditions set out hereunder in the Second Schedule is hereby in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Conditions and Reasons

1. Development in accordance with submitted plans and details.
The development shall be carried out and completed in its entirety fully in accordance with the plans, particulars and specifications lodged with the application, save as may be required by the other conditions attached hereto.
REASON: To ensure that the development shall be in accordance with the permission and that effective control be maintained.
2. (a) External Finishes.
All external finishes shall harmonise in colour or texture that is complementary to the house or its context.
REASON: In the interest of visual amenity.

(b) Restriction on Use.
The house and the proposed extension shall be jointly used as a single dwelling unit for residential purposes and shall not be sub-divided or used for any commercial purposes, and the extension shall not be sold, let (including short-term letting), leased or otherwise transferred or conveyed, by way of sale, letting or otherwise save as part of the single dwelling unit.
REASON: To prevent unauthorised development.

(c) Drainage - Irish Water.
 - (i) All development shall be carried out in compliance with Irish Water Standards codes and practices.
 - (ii) There shall be complete separation of the foul and surface water drainage systems,

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both in respect of installation and use.

(iii) All drainage works for this development shall comply fully with the Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works.

(iv) All works shall comply with the Building Regulations -Technical guidance document- Part H Drainage and Wastewater disposal.

REASON: In the interests of public health, the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and in order to ensure adequate water supply and drainage provision.

(d) Minimise Air Blown Dust.

During the construction and or demolition phase of the development, Best Practicable Means shall be employed to minimise air blown dust being emitted from the site. This shall include covering skips and slack-heaps, netting of scaffolding, daily washing down of pavements or other public areas, and any other precautions necessary to prevent dust nuisances. The applicant/developer shall comply with British Standard B.S. 5228 Noise Control on Construction and Open sites and British Standard B.S. 6187 Code of Practice for demolition.

REASON: In the interest of public health and to uphold the Council's policies set out in the South Dublin County Council Development Plan.

(e) Construction Noise and Hours.

To control, limit and prevent the generation of unacceptable levels of Environmental Noise Pollution from occurring during construction activity, Equipment or Machinery (to include pneumatic drills, on-site construction vehicles, generators, etc.) that could give rise to unacceptable levels of noise pollution as set out generally for evening and night-time in S.I. No. 140/2006 - Environmental Noise Regulations 2006 shall only be operated on the site between 7.00 hours and 19.00 hours weekdays and between 9.00 hours and 13.00 hours on Saturdays. No works shall take place at any time on Sundays, Bank Holidays or Public Holidays.

Any construction work outside these hours that could give rise to unacceptable levels of noise pollution shall only be permitted following a written request to the Planning Authority and the subsequent receipt of the written consent of the Planning Authority, having regard to the reasonable justification and circumstances and a commitment to minimise as far as practicable any unacceptable noise outside the hours stated above. In this respect, the applicant or developer shall also comply with BS 5228:2009 Noise and Vibration Control on Construction and Open Sites, and have regard to the World Health Organisation (WHO) – Guidelines for Community Noise (1999).

The applicant or developer shall also endeavour to engage in local consultation in respect of any noise sensitive location within 30 metres of the development as approved prior to construction activity commencing on site. Such noise sensitive locations should be provided with the following:

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- Schedule of works to include approximate timeframes
- Name and contact details of contractor responsible for managing noise complaints
- Hours of operation- including any scheduled times for the use of equipment likely to be the source of significant noise.

REASON: In the interest of public health by the prevention of unacceptable levels of noise pollution which could interfere with normal sleep and rest patterns and/or when people could reasonably expect a level of quietness, the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and to uphold the Council's amenity policies set out in the South Dublin County Council Development Plan.

3. Financial Contribution.

The developer shall pay to the Planning Authority a financial contribution of €3,343.68 (three thousand three hundred and forty three euros and sixty eight cents), in respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefiting development within the area of the Planning Authority, that is provided, or intended to be provided by or on behalf of the authority, in accordance with the terms of the Development Contribution Scheme 2021 - 2025, made under Section 48 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2011 (as amended).

The contribution shall be paid prior to commencement of development, or in such phased payments as the Planning Authority may facilitate. Contributions shall be payable at the rate pertaining to the year in which implementation of the planning permission is commenced as outlined in the South Dublin County Council Development Contribution Scheme 2021 - 2025.

REASON: The provision of such facilities will facilitate the proposed development. It is considered reasonable that the payment of a contribution be required, in respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefiting development in the area of the Planning Authority and that is provided, or that is intended will be provided, by or on behalf of the Local Authority.

NOTE RE: CONDITION - Please note that with effect from 1st January 2014, Irish Water is now the statutory body responsible for water services. Further details/clarification can be obtained from Irish Water at Tel. 01 6021000 or by emailing customerservice@water.ie.

NOTE: The applicant is advised that under the provisions of Section 34 (13) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) a person shall not be entitled solely by reason of a permission to carry out any development.

NOTE: The applicant or developer should ensure that all necessary measures shall be taken by the contractor to prevent the spillage or deposit of clay, rubble or other debris on adjoining roads during the course of the works and to ensure that any such instances arising are remedied immediately.

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NOTE: The applicant/developer of these lands is advised that in the event of encroachment or oversailing of adjoining property, the consent of the adjoining property owner is required.


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LOCATION: 242, St. James Road, Greenhills, Dublin 12

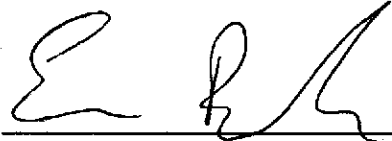


**Caitlin O'Shea,
Executive Planner**

ORDER: A decision pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended, to Grant Permission for the reasons set out in the First Schedule above, in accordance with the said plans and particulars, subject to the condition(s) specified in the Second Schedule above, the reasons for the imposition of the said condition(s) being as set out in the said Second Schedule is hereby made.

Date:

25/1/22



Eoin Burke, Senior Planner