

# Comhairle Chontae Atha Cliath Theas

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**Reg. Reference:** SD22B/0095      **Application Date:** 02-Mar-2022  
**Submission Type:** New Application      **Registration Date:** 02-Mar-2022  
**Correspondence Name and Address:** Carol Forbes 38, Larkfield Avenue, Lucan, Co. Dublin  
**Proposed Development:** Conversion of attic space comprising of modification of existing roof structure; raising of existing gable c/w window and 'Dutch' hip; new access stairs and flat dormer to the rear.  
**Location:** 7, Griffeen Glen Dale, Lucan, Co. Dublin  
**Applicant Name:** Rory & Mariae Barber  
**Application Type:** Permission

(SW)

### **Description of Site and Surroundings:**

#### **Site Description:**

The site contains a semi-detached, two storey dwelling with a hipped roof. The area is characterised by a mix of properties that are either similar to the application dwelling or have a gable roof.

**Site Area:** 0.027474 Hectares.

### **Proposal:**

The proposed development will consist of:

- Conversion of attic space comprising of modification of existing roof structure; raising of existing gable c/w window and 'Dutch' hip; new access stairs and flat dormer to the rear.

### **Zoning:**

The subject site is subject to land-use zoning objective 'RES' - 'To protect and/or improve Residential Amenity'.

### **Consultations:**

Surface Water Drainage: No objection, subject to **condition**.

### **Submissions/Observations /Representations**

None received.

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### **Relevant Planning History**

*Application Site:*

S96A/0507 126 dwellings comprising 42 two storey 4 bedroom semi-detached houses (House Type A3) interchangeable with 42 two storey three bedroom semi-detached houses (House Type B3) and 84 two storey 3 bedroom semi-detached houses; site development and landscape works; provision of an approx. 200m extension of road known at Griffeen Road approx. 7.5m wide which links to Griffeen Way; a single vehicular access off Griffeen Road, all on approx. 5.4 hectares of land. **Grant Permission**

*Adjacent Sites:*

None

### **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 2.4.1 Residential Extension*

*Policy H18 Residential Extension*

*Policy H18 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 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:

- *Respect the appearance and character of the area;*

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- *Provide comfortable internal space;*
- *Do not overlook, overshadow or have an overbearing impact on neighbouring properties;*
- *Conserve water and save energy where possible;*

For attic conversions and dormer windows:

- *Use materials to match the existing wall of roof materials of the main house;*
- *Locate dormer windows below the ridge of the roof, even if the roof has a shallow pitch;*
- *Locate dormer windows as far back as possible from the eaves line (at least 3 tile courses);*
- *Relate dormer windows to the windows below in alignment, proportion and character;*
- *In the case of a dormer window extension to a hipped roof, ensure it sits below the ridgelines of the existing roof and matches the materials used in the main house.*

### **Relevant Government Guidelines**

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

*Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas: Guidelines for Planning Authorities, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government (2009).*

*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).*

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

### **Assessment**

The main issues to consider are:

- Zoning and Council policy;
- Residential & Visual Amenity;
- Services and Drainage;
- Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA);
- Screening for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIAR).

### ***Zoning and Council Policy***

The proposed extensions are consistent with zoning objective 'RES', in which extensions to existing dwellings are permitted in principle subject to its design is in accordance with the relevant provisions in the Development Plan regarding Residential Extensions, and the guidance set out in the South Dublin County Council House Extension Design Guide, 2010.

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### ***Residential & Visual Amenity***

The proposal would change the roof profile from hipped to 'Dutch' hip. There are currently a mix of hipped and gable roofs in the street and the proposed design is considered acceptable.

The proposal would also introduce a dormer window. The House Extension Design Guide recommends that dormers are set at least 100mm from the ridge of the roof and at least 3 tile courses from the eaves. The dormer would meet this requirement. The proposal would be set off the boundary with both adjacent properties and would not be visible from the front. The proposed dormer is considered acceptable in terms of visual and residential amenity.

The proposed attic conversion would have a floor to ceiling height of less than 2.4m and is not considered to be habitable.

Overall the proposed development would not result in any significant impact, in terms of residential and visual amenity and is therefore considered to be acceptable.

### ***Services and Drainage***

Water Services has stated no objections, subject to conditions.

### ***Screening for Appropriate Assessment***

On the basis of the information on file, which is considered adequate to undertake a screening determination and having regard to:

- the nature and scale of the proposed development,
- the intervening land uses and distance from European sites,
- the lack of direct connections with regard to the Source-Pathway-Receptor model,

it is concluded that the proposed development, individually or in-combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on the above listed European sites or any other European site, in view of the said sites' conservation objectives.

An appropriate assessment is not, therefore, required.

### ***Screening for Environmental Impact Assessment***

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

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### **Other Considerations**

#### ***Development Contributions***

- Attic conversion (non-habitable)
- Assessable area is nil.

#### ***Monitoring for Strategic Environmental Assessment***

**Building Use Type Proposed:** Attic conversion (non-habitable)

**Floor Area (sq. m)** 29.21

**Land Type** Brownfield/Urban Consolidation

**Site Area (ha)** 0.027474

### **Conclusion**

The proposed development is deemed to generally comply with the guidance set out in the South Dublin County Council House Extension Design Guide, 2010 and the South Dublin County Development Plan 2016 – 2022, and with the attachment of the following conditions would accord with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

### **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.

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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) The water supply and drainage infrastructure, shall comply with the requirements of Irish Water.

(ii) There shall be complete separation of the foul and surface water drainage systems, both in respect of installation and use. All new precast surface water manholes shall have a minimum thickness surround of 150mm Concrete Class B.

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

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

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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:

- 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.

**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.

**NOTE:** Adequate provision should be made to facilitate access to and the use of the development, buildings, facilities and services by disabled persons, including sanitary conveniences. The minimum requirements should be as per Part M of the Building Regulations.

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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.

NOTE: Notwithstanding any grant of planning permission; if an applicant requires permission to access local authority land (e.g. public footpaths, public open space or roadways) in order to access utilities, or for any other reason; the applicant should apply via <https://maproadroadworkslicensing.ie/MRL/> for a licence from the Local Authority to carry out those works.

NOTE: The applicant is advised that, in order to use the attic conversion as a habitable room, it must comply with the Building Regulations.



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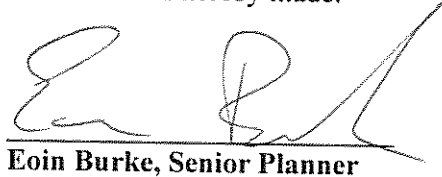
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**Colm Harte,  
Senior Executive Planner**

**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:**

26/4/22



**Eoin Burke, Senior Planner**