

LETTERS

I hope we're not taking more refugees than we can handle

IS there a real danger that in Ireland's reaching out to the many thousands of Ukrainian refugees fleeing the war in their country, that we might overstretch our ability to cater adequately for all their needs?

A number of Government ministers have been quoted as saying we might take in as many as 200,000 Ukrainian refugees. But is an intake of this magnitude realistic for a country of our size?

US President Joe Biden has committed to taking in 100,000 refugees to a country 60 times the size of Ireland. Are we in this small country of ours, in our undoubted generosity to a people in overwhelming need, overstretching ourselves in offering the hand of friendship to numbers we cannot realistically cater to?

This could turn out to be a logistical disaster and cause further stress and trauma to a people already traumatised, after fleeing their homeland in terror after seeing their families, homes, hospitals and theatres blown to bits by the Russian aggressors.

Ireland is known all over the world as 'the land of a hundred welcomes'. We wouldn't want to spoil this image of 'cead míle fáilte' by biting off more than we could chew in taking in too many refugees.

TOM TOWEY, Cloonacool, Co. Sligo.

Not black and white

LISTENING or watching events relating to the ongoing war in Ukraine has brought some home

Straight to the POINT

ONLY if the Government ever listened to the voice of the people, instead of the powerful lobbyists for the major energy companies telling them what policies to enact, we'd be in a better place as a country.

PAT O'CALLAGHAN, Mallow, Co. Cork

I KNOW this is small cheese with the world in such a state of chaos at the moment, but why do so many men, women, children and even babies dress in black from

head to toe? Similarly bedding, towels, curtains, cushions, etc. all seem to favour black or dark grey. This is spring - try a little colour to cheer us all up!

ANTONY DEAN, by email.

HAVE the climate change zealots not heard about the war in Ukraine. There are shortages of absolutely everything now and they can keep their report until next year when, hopefully, this crisis is over.

COLM O'CONNOR, Dublin 14.

truths to the fore in relation to wars and conflicts. Almost all Western media outlets have the Russians down as the evil monsters who blow up and kill civilians at will. I am sure that Russian generals would have been feeding their soldiers with stories of shootings and killings carried out by Ukrainian forces because your enemy must be painted as the most dangerous foe.

Every country, especially the big power players, like to portray their forces as the most disciplined, who abide by Geneva Convention rules of engagement to a tee. The truth is somewhat different, and it can be seen in a Belfast courtroom at present, where a former British soldier David Jonathan Holden is

on trial for the killing of Aiden McAneaspie in Aughnacloy in February 1988.

Aiden was on his way to a GAA match and had to walk through an army checkpoint to get to the pitch when he was shot in the back and died instantly.

Holden's defence barrister maintains that as a member of the Grenadier Guards, Holden was young and scared at the time, frightened of attacks by the IRA, and that he accidentally pulled the trigger while shifting his sights. On joining the British Army Holden underwent nine months of gruelling training before being sent across the Irish Sea. So on the one hand Holden was a highly trained soldier while being



Beauty in eye of the beholder

I READ Samantha Brick's article a decade ago where she described herself as beautiful and recall thinking how it took some nerve to write it. It's clear she enjoys winding people up and the attention this brings (Mail, April 9).

I agree with her husband, Pascal, that she is attractive - most people fall into that category.

Being beautiful is much rarer. Beauty is in the eyes of the beholder and, in Samantha's eyes, she is beautiful. Beauty is as much about the nature of a person as their looks. My wife is attractive and has a beautiful nature. I look forward to reading how beautiful Samantha believes herself to be in 2032.

JOHN MANSFORD, ESSEX.

Unhealthy situation

BROWSING through the HSE website I note an extraordinary number of high salaried new positions being advertised.

These trumped-up positions are totally removed from what's happening on the frontline services. How long must us taxpayers stand by and turn the other cheek to this exorbitant overspending?

PADRAIG O'DONNCHA, via email.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DUN LAOGHAIRE/RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL
Planning permission is sought for the demolition of existing single storey store to site and proposed new single storey extension to site, internal modifications and site works at 11 Carriganman Lane, Monkstown, Co. Dublin by Patrick and Dawn O'Malley. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, County Hall, Dun Laoghaire during its public opening hours. A submission or observation may be made on payment of a fee within a period of 5 weeks from the date the application is received by the planning authority.

Planning and Development Act 2000
Application to An Bord Pleanála Reference Number ABP-311625-21
In accordance with section 146(2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, An Bord Pleanála has received a request from Randlewood Holdings Limited to alter the terms of the grant of planning permission for a Strategic Housing Development at lands at Envy Quarter, Nees West, Co. Kildare (An Bord Pleanála Application Reference Number ABP-307200-20 as amended by ABP-31161-21).

The request relates to the construction of a residential development comprising of 16 apartments, outdoor facility and associated site works. The proposed alterations relate to the previously permitted Strategic Housing Development (as amended under ABP-307200-20 as amended by ABP-31161-21) including:
• Proposed external and internal alterations to previously permitted single storey crane building to provide for the construction of an additional four units (two 2-bedroom units).
• Proposed external and internal alterations to previously permitted Block 3, including a proposed additional floor to increase the height from 3 to 4 stories, with alterations to provide for the previously permitted unit mix, resulting in an overall increase of 8 no. units in total (i.e. from 8 no. 1-bed, 12 no. 2-bed duplex & 2 no. 3-bed (22 no. units) to now provide 12 no. 1-bed, 10 no. 2-bed duplex, 2 no. 3-bed, 6 no. 3-bed duplex (30 no. units).
• Proposed external and internal alterations to previously permitted Block 4, including a proposed additional floor to increase the height from 3 to 4 stories, with alterations to provide for the previously permitted unit mix, resulting in an overall increase of 4 no. units in total, i.e. from 10 no. 1-bed, 9 no. 2-bed duplex, 1 no. 3-bed duplex (20 no. units) to now provide 12 no. 1-bed, 11 no. 2-bed duplex, 1 no. 3-bed duplex (24 no. units).
• Proposed external and internal

alterations to previously permitted Block 7 with alterations also proposed to the previously permitted unit mix, resulting in an overall increase of 1 no. unit in total, i.e. from 8 no. 1-bed, 1 no. 3-bed, 8 no. 2-bed duplex, 2 no. 3-bed duplex (19 no. units) to now provide 10 no. 1-bed, 8 no. 2-bed duplex, 2 no. 3-bed duplex (20 no. units).
• Proposed external and internal alterations to previously permitted Block 8, including a proposed additional floor to increase the height from 3 to 4 stories, with alterations also proposed to the previously permitted unit mix, resulting in an overall increase of 2 no. units in total (i.e. from 2 no. 1-bed and 6 no. 2-bed duplex (12 no. units) to now provide 4 no. 1-bed, 7 no. 2-bed duplex, 3 no. 3-bed duplex (14 no. units).
• Proposed external and internal alterations to previously permitted Block 9, including a proposed additional floor to increase the height from 3 to 4 stories, with alterations also proposed to the previously permitted unit mix, resulting in an overall increase of 2 no. units in total, i.e. from 6 no. 1-bed & 6 no. 2-bed duplex (12 no. units) to now provide 4 no. 1-bed, 7 no. 2-bed duplex, 3 no. 3-bed duplex (14 no. units).
• Minor amendments to the northern boundary of the proposed development to reflect land in ownership.
• Proposed alterations to previously permitted landscaping, including the re-location of the permitted play area and alterations to some car-parking, bicycle parking, bin and bike store locations to accommodate the additional 6 no. car-parking spaces, 24 no. bicycle spaces

and 1 no. bin store to service the revised mix of units, the additional 19 units proposed and conditions of the permitted development.
The case reference for the current alteration request is An Bord Pleanála Reference Number ABP-311625-21. The Board decided in accordance with section 146(2) of the Act, that the proposed development would constitute a material alteration to the terms of the development.
Under section 146(8) submissions or observations in relation to the request may be made to An Bord Pleanála, during a period of 5 weeks relating to:
(a) Whether such an alteration would be likely to have significant effects on the environment,
(b) Whether the Board should make the alteration to the terms of the development concerned being an alteration other than that to which the request relates or refuse to make the alteration.
The Board shall have regard to the submissions/observations made on foot of this invitation.
The information relating to the proposed alteration (including the details of the request) may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee at the offices of Kildare County Council and the offices of An Bord Pleanála during public opening hours for a period of 5 weeks commencing on 13th of April 2022.
Any submission or observation in relation to the request to alter the terms of the development may be made to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street

Dublin 1. Any submissions must be accompanied by a fee of €20, except for certain prescribed bodies. There is no fee required to make a submission or observation by those parties or individuals who have already made a valid submission or observation to the Board in relation to the original application An Bord Pleanála Reference Number ABP-307200-20.
Submissions or observations must be received by the Board not later than 5.30 pm on 17th of May 2022.
Such submissions or observations must include the following information:
1. The name of the person making the submission or observation, the name of the person, if any, acting on behalf of that person, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent.
2. The subject matter of the submission or observations, and
3. The reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is or are based.
Any submission or observation which does not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board.
Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Housing Development Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel. 01-8737100)

DUN LAOGHAIRE/RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL
Permission is sought by Shane Bonner for the construction of a single storey extension to the side and rear of the existing dwelling, with all ancillary site works at 9, St. Kevin's Villas, Salsburgh, County Dublin. The planning application may be inspected or purchased for a fee not exceeding a reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire Co. Dublin during its public opening hours of Monday to Friday from 10 o'clock to 4:00pm. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority, on payment of a fee of €20 within 5 weeks of the receipt of the application by the Planning Authority and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions or may refuse to grant permission.
DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
We Suzanne Altman & Mark Yeates intend to apply for planning permission at: 83 Fodder Grove, Fishery Dublin 5 D05 YV89. The development consists of the demolition of an existing single storey extension to the rear and a single storey boiler house to the rear and for the construction of a single storey extension to the rear and for all associated works. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making

a copy, at the office of Dublin City Council during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.
SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL
Planning permission is sought by Una Gibbons for amendments to previously approved planning application Ref: SD2008/0226 at 3 Idone Avenue, Knocklyon, Dublin 16. The proposed amendments consist of:
(i) Reduction in the extent of the ground rear extension;
(ii) Alterations to the roof profile of the single storey extension to the side and rear;
(iii) Removal of the previously granted chimney to the side, (iv) Other works as part of the development include alterations to all elevations; SUDS drainage; landscaping; rooflights; fenestration treatment to rear; and all associated works to facilitate the development.
This application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of South Dublin County Council during its public opening hours of 9am - 4pm, Mon-Fri, and a submission or observation may be made to South Dublin County Council in writing and on payment of the prescribed fee (€20.00) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by South Dublin County Council of the application.