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Reg. Reference: SD21B/0584 **Application Date:** 17-Nov-2021

Submission Type: Additional Information **Registration Date:** 14-Apr-2022

Correspondence Name and Address: Diarmuid Phelan Hollymount, Ballaghmore, Borris-in-Ossory, Co. Laois

Proposed Development: Conversion of the existing attic to provide a new bedroom and en-suite; alter the existing hipped roof profile and ridge height; dormer window to the rear.

Location: 139, Monalea Grove, Firhouse, Dublin 24

Applicant Name: Anthony Geraghty & Laura Eakins

Application Type: Permission

(CM)

Description of Site and Surroundings:

Site Area

0.02 Ha.

Site Description

The site accommodates a 2-storey, semi-detached house with hipped roof. As with other houses in the area, this is treated with white render at first floor level and buff brick at ground floor level. The house has a canopy roof over front door which is an original feature. The house is typical of houses on this cul-de-sac, where some side extensions have been built, but roof extensions are not apparent.

Site visit: 13/4/21

Proposal:

Build-up of existing hip in roof to the side of roof into 'Dutch' hip at attic level with window in proposed gable wall; dormer roof with window on rear slope of roof all at attic level; attic conversion; ground floor front porch.

Zoning:

'RES' – 'To protect and/or improve residential amenity.'

Consultations:

Water Services

No objection.

Irish Water

No objection, subject to conditions.

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SEA Screening

No overlap with the relevant environmental layers.

Submissions/Observations /Representations

None.

Relevant Planning History

None.

Relevant Enforcement History

None.

Pre-Planning Consultation

None recorded for subject site

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

Section 2.4.1 Residential Extensions

Policy H18 Residential Extensions

It is the policy of the Council to support the extension of existing dwellings subject to the protection of residential and visual amenities.

Section 9.3.4 Non-Designated Areas

Policy HCL 15 Non-Designated Areas

Objective 3 – To protect existing trees, hedgerows and woodlands...

Section 11.3.3 Additional Accommodation

Section 11.3.3 (i) Extensions

The design of residential extensions should accord with the South Dublin County Council House Extension Guide (2010) or any superseding standards.

National Guidelines & Policy relevant to Development Management in SDCC

Ministerial Guidelines and Policy

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

Regional, Spatial & Economic Strategy 2020-2032 (RSES), Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly (2019)

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

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Rebuilding Ireland: Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness, Government of Ireland (2016).

Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments – Guidelines for Planning Authorities, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (2020).

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

Urban Design Manual, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, (2008).

Urban Development and Building Heights Guidelines for Planning Authorities, (2018)
Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities-Best Practice Guidelines, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government (2007).

Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government and Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (2013).

Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland – Guidance for Planning Authorities, 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 & OPW, (2009).

Departmental Circulars, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (2020) – as listed:

- PL02/2020: Covid-19 Measures
- PL03/2020: Planning Time Periods
- PL04/2020: Event Licensing
- PL05/2020: Planning Time Periods
- PL06/2020: Working Hours Planning Conditions
- PL07/2020: Public Access to Scanned Documents
- PL08/2020: Vacant Site Levy

Circular NRUP 02/2021 - Residential Densities in Towns and Villages

Assessment

The main issues for assessment concern the following:

- Zoning and Council policy;
- Residential amenity and visual impact;
- Water

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- Screening for Appropriate Assessment
- Screening for Environmental Impact Assessment

Zoning and Council Policy

The site is located in an area which is subject to zoning objective 'RES' – '*To protect and/or improve Residential Amenity*'. The development of an extension or alteration to a dwelling is permitted in principle subject to its design being in accordance with the relevant provisions in the Development Plan with specific reference to Section 11.3.3 which relates to extensions to dwellings.

Residential Amenity and Visual Impact

The proposal consists of a conversion of the hipped roof to a half hip roof to facilitate an attic conversion.

The proposal is acceptable, subject to the incline of the half hip being equal to the existing hip, to ensure integration with the existing character.

Water

The Environmental Services Department states no objection, subject to some standard conditions.

Screening for Appropriate Assessment

Having regard to the scale and nature of the development, connection to public services and the distance from Natura 2000 sites, it is considered that the proposed development would not be likely to have a significant effect individually or in combination with other plans or projects on a European site.

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 real 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.

Conclusion

The proposed development would not be seriously injurious to the residential amenities of the area and would be consistent with the 'RES' land-use zoning objective, the South Dublin County Development Plan 2016 – 2022, and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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Recommendation

Request Additional Information.

Additional Information

Additional information was received 14th April 2022.

Further Consultations

None.

Further Observations

None.

Assessment of Additional Information

Item 1

Revised Plans.

The proposed development is not acceptable due to non-compliance with SDCC House Extension Design Guide (2010) guidance on rear dormers and roof conversions, in particular:

- (a) Conversion of a hipped roof to gable end roof on a semi-detached dwelling. Half hip conversions are generally acceptable.
- (b) Rear dormer rising above ridge level of the house. Rear dormers are acceptable but should be subordinate to the main roof of the dwelling. The applicant is requested to provide revised plans to address the above.

Response

- (a) The applicant has revised the proposal to provide for a half hipped roof.
- (b) The applicant has indicated a reduced scale of dormer by pulling it in from the property boundary.

Assessment

- (a) This is acceptable subject to an appropriate condition that the incline of the hip shall equal the previous angle of incline of the hip of the existing roof.
- (b) The dormer has not been reduced in height to be below the ridge level of the roof. This can be guaranteed by **condition**.

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Other Considerations

Bonds & Contributions

The proposed development is for non-habitable residential extension at attic level.
Assessable area is Nil.

SEA Monitoring

Development Type: Residential
Floor Area: Nil increase.
Site Type: Brownfield / Urban Consolidation
Site Area: 0.02 Ha.

Conclusion

The applicant has not adequately addressed the items for additional information, due to the height of the dormer above the main roof of the house. This can be addressed by condition, and subject to that and other conditions attached herewith, the development 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.

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SECOND SCHEDULE

Conditions and Reasons

1. Development to be in accordance with submitted plans and details.
The development shall be carried out and completed in its entirety in accordance with the plans, particulars and specifications lodged with the application, and as amended by Further Information received on 14th April 2022, 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. Half Hip.
The angle of incline of the hip of the new roof shall be equal to the angle of incline of the hip of the existing roof.
REASON: To ensure the development accords with the residential character of the area.
3. Amendment to Dormer.
The roof of the proposed dormer window extension shall be lowered such that it does not exceed in height the existing ridge level of the roof of the main house.
REASON: To protect the visual character of the area.
4. (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

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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 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.

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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.

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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LOCATION: 139, Monalea Grove, Firhouse, Dublin 24

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Jim Johnston,
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: 11/05/2022

PP. *Colm Harte*

Eoin Burke, Senior Planner