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Reg. Reference:SD22A/0015Application Date:17-Jan-2022Submission Type:AdditionalRegistration Date:09-Jun-2022

Information

**Correspondence Name and Address:** Ban Dubh Building Design Ban Dubh Building

Design, Ban Dubh, Mackeys Cross, Clogheen, Cork

**Proposed Development:** Detached two storey house with new vehicular

entrance to side of 54 Fernwood Avenue as per previously granted application SD16A/155

**Location:** 54, Fernwood Avenue, Dublin 24

**Applicant Name:** Niall Murphy **Application Type:** Permission

(CS)

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

Site Area: 0.0234 Hectares.

### Site Description:

This site is located at the head of a cul-de-sac at the corner junction of Fernwood Avenue and Fernwood Court, within the established Fernwood housing estate in Springfield, Tallaght. The site comprises the side garden of an existing house, 54 Fernwood Avenue, which is an end of terrace two storey dwelling with a pitched gable roof profile. The side garden boundary to 54 Fernwood Avenue comprises a 1.2 metre concrete block wall, backed by a tall evergreen boundary hedge.

#### **Proposal:**

The proposed development comprises the following:

- Linked-detached 2 storey, 4 bedroom dwelling inside garden with vehicular entrance to side as previously granted as per reg. ref. SD16A/0155.
- Proposed works measure **120sq.m**. as stated (SD16A/0155 proposed works were 117sq.m.)

It is noted that previously approved SD16A/0155 was granted for a <u>similar but not identical</u> proposal.

#### Zoning:

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

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#### **Consultations:**

Roads Department – Additional Information recommended.

Surface Water Drainage – No objections subject to conditions.

Irish Water – No objections subject to conditions.

Parks Department – Grant with conditions.

#### SEA Sensitivity Screening

No overlap identified with SEA screening tool software.

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

None received.

### **Relevant Planning History**

SD16A/0155/EP: 54, Fernwood Avenue, Dublin 24.

Detached two storey house with new vehicular entrance to side.

Decision: REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Additional Information was requested on 24/06/2021. It is noted that no additional information has currently been received

**SD16A/0155**: 54, Fernwood Avenue, Dublin 24.

Detached two storey house with new vehicular entrance to side.

Decision: GRANT PERMISSION.

**SD15A/0347**: Two storey detached house to side.

Decision: GRANT PERMISSION.

#### In the vicinity

**SD07A/0225**: Planning permission consequent on Grant of Outline Permission Reg. Ref. SD06A/0402 for a two-storey three-bedroom end of terrace house at the side with ancillary site works and the relocation of the driveway to the front.

Decision: GRANT PERMISSION FOLLOWING OUTLINE.

#### **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 11.3.2 RESIDENTIAL CONSOLIDATION

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### (ii) Corner/Side Garden Sites

Development on corner and/or side garden sites should meet the criteria for infill development in addition to the following criteria:

- The site should be of sufficient size to accommodate an additional dwelling(s) and an appropriate set back should be maintained from adjacent dwellings,
- The dwelling(s) should generally be designed and sited to match the building line and respond to the roof profile of adjoining dwellings,
- The architectural language of the development (including boundary treatments) should respond to the character of adjacent dwellings and create a sense of harmony. Contemporary and innovative proposals that respond to the local context are encouraged, particularly on larger sites which can accommodate multiple dwellings,
- Where proposed buildings project forward of the prevailing building line or height, transitional elements should be incorporated into the design to promote a sense of integration with adjoining buildings, and
- Corner development should provide a dual frontage in order to avoid blank facades and maximise surveillance of the public domain.

#### **Relevant Government Guidelines**

Sustainable Residential Development In Urban Areas - Guidelines for Planning Authorities, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government (2008).

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

#### Assessment

The main issues for assessment are:

- Zoning and Council Policy,
- Planning History,
- Residential & Visual Amenity,
- Legal Interest,
- Access & Parking,
- Parks & Landscaping,
- Services & Drainage,
- Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA),
- Screening for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIAR),

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# **Zoning and Council Policy**

The site is located in an area which is zoned 'RES' 'to protect and/or improve residential amenity.' The development of a dwelling is permitted in principle subject to its accordance with the relevant provisions in the Development Plan with specific reference to Section 11.3.2. Residential Consolidation which relates to Corner/side Garden Sites.

#### Planning History

Permission was granted on this site for a similar but not identical house design under register reference SD16A/0155. Permission was also approved previously on this site for a similar but not identical house design under register reference SD15A/0347.

The principle differences between this application and the previous register reference SD16A/0155 relate to elevation treatment where an increased number of windows will be provided on the south elevation at both ground floor and first floor level providing for a level of dual frontage and passive surveillance of the public realm on the corner.

#### Residential & Visual Amenity

*Demolition (shed c.21sq.m)* 

The existing 'barna' shed that straddles the red line and blue line boundary will be demolished to allow for construction of the proposed dwelling. This is considered to be broadly acceptable in this instance.

#### Internal floor area

The proposal comprises of the construction of a linked-detached, two storey, 4 bedroom dwelling in the side garden of No. 54 Fernwood Avenue. The existing dwelling is located at the end of a row of 8 terraced dwellings. The planning drawings submitted show that the internal floor area for the **proposed 4 bedroom dwellings** with gable fronted pitched roof measures 120sq.m as stated. This would comply with the provisions of the South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2016-2022 which requires a minimum floor area of 110sq.m for a house with four bedrooms (Table 11.20: Minimum Space Standards for Houses). It is noted that Reg. Ref. SD16A/0155 was granted permission for a 4-bedroom dwelling measuring 117sq.m.

#### Private Open Space

The planning drawings submitted show that the quantity of private open space for the <u>existing dwelling</u> (No. 54 Fernwood Avenue) will be of a reasonable level post development (c.67sq.m.). The existing dwelling appears to be a three bedroom dwelling. It is noted that a minimum area of private open space of 60sq.m is required for a house with three bedrooms (Table 11.20: Minimum Space Standards for Houses).

The private open space for the <u>proposed dwelling</u> with an internal floor area of c.120sq.m measures c.81sq.m. A minimum area of private open space of 70sq.m is required for a house

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with four bedrooms (Table 11.20: Minimum Space Standards for Houses). Therefore, this would comply with the provisions of the South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2016-2022 Section, 11.3.1 Residential (iv) Dwelling Standards, (Table 11.20: Minimum Space Standards for Houses).

#### Room sizes

Bedroom sizes do not comply with Section 11.3.1 Residential (iv) Dwelling Standards regarding minimum internal floor areas for proposed bedrooms of the SDCC Development Plan 2016-2022. Drawings submitted do not indicate if bedrooms are intended for use as single or double bedrooms. The internal floor area of all four bedrooms is listed below.

Bed 1 = c.9.8sq.m.

Bed 2 = 6.9sq.m.

Bed 3 = 11.4sq.m.

Bed 4 = 5.2sq.m.

To comply with Section 11.3.1 Residential (iv) Dwelling Standards the floor area of the main bedroom must be at least 13sq.m. For this proposal the area of the main bedroom (**bed 3**) is 11.4sq.m. which is slightly below the required standard and **would not comply**. To comply with Section 11.3.1 Residential (iv) Dwelling Standards the floor area of a double bedroom must be a minimum of 11.4sq.m. To comply with Section 11.3.1 Residential (iv) Dwelling Standards the floor area of a single bedroom must be a minimum of 7.1sq.m. Therefore **bed 2** (6. 9sq.m) and **bed 4** (5.2sq.m) **do not comply.** It is considered this may be addressed by way of **additional information.** 

At 3.6m the living room width will be slightly below the 3.8m set out for unobstructed living room width as per Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities, Best Practice Guidelines for Delivering Homes Sustaining Communities 2007. Therefore, this would not comply. It is considered this may be addressed by way of **additional information.** 

#### Overlooking & Separation Distance

The proposed dwelling will be built to the northern site boundary with the existing dwelling (No. 54 Fernwood Avenue) and will be separated in part by c.0.502m but will also be built to the single storey entrance hall of the existing dwelling (No. 54). The dwelling will be inset by c.2m from the southern site boundary at its widest point and c.0.4m at its narrowest point.

There will be no directly opposing above ground floor windows and therefore the proposal would comply with *Section 11.3.1 Residential (v) Privacy* of the SDCC Development Plan 2016-2022. It is noted from the drawings submitted that the first floor bathroom window on the southern elevation will use obscure glazing. Therefore, there will be no undue overlooking.

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### Dual Frontage

It is noted that for this current application elevation treatments have now been revised in contrast to previously approved SD16A/0155. Additional windows are now proposed on the southern elevation at both ground level and first floor level providing for a level of dual frontage. However, to provide for improved passive surveillance of the public realm an additional window should be inserted on the southern elevation for bed 4. It is considered this may be addressed by way of **additional information.** 

Dual frontage is covered in *Section 11.3.2 Residential Consolidation (ii) Corner/Side Garden Sites* of the SDCC Development Plan and is part of the criteria to be met for corner/side gardens.

### Storage

The drawings submitted show no dedicated storage to be provided for the proposal. This would not comply with the minimum storage area requirements as per the Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities, Best Practice Guidelines for Delivering Homes Sustaining Communities 2007. A minimum of 6sq.m of dedicated storage space should be provided for a 4 bed, 7 person, 2 storey house. Therefore, the level of storage to be provided would not comply with the above policy. It is considered this may be addressed by way of a request for **additional information.** 

#### Building lines & Overbearing impact

The proposed main front and rear building line would broadly align with the front and rear building lines of the existing dwelling on the subject site (No. 54 Fernwood Avenue) and with the row of adjoining terrace dwellings the existing dwelling it is attached to.

#### Site Analysis

Given that this relates to a single dwelling in a side garden and that permission was granted for a similar dwelling in 2016 a site analysis is not considered necessary.

#### **Boundary Treatment**

No boundary treatment details have been submitted for the proposal. Therefore, the applicant is requested to submit clear boundary treatment details in both plan and elevation for <u>all</u> front, rear and <u>all</u> side boundaries. All proposed boundary treatment details should comply with the SDCC Development Plan 2016-2022. It is considered this information should be requested by way of **additional information.** 

# Roof Profile

The proposed dwelling will be gable fronted and will have a pitched roof with a ridge height that will broadly align with the ridge height of the existing dwelling. Although the majority of neighbouring dwellings in the vicinity are not gable fronted the proposal would be considered to visually accord with the character of the area and would not have a significant adverse impact on residential and visual amenity. It is noted that the applicant has not submitted a contiguous

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elevation for this current application showing the front elevation of the proposed dwelling and the front elevation of the existing dwelling. In the interest of clarity, it is considered this information should be requested by way of **additional information**. The ridge height of the proposed dwelling should not exceed the height of the neighbouring dwelling to the north.

# Legal Interest,

In Section 10. Legal Interest of the application form the applicant states 'other' and a description is made that the site proposed is owned by the applicants' father and will be transferred to the sons ownership. A letter of consent has been submitted as part of this application.

#### Access & Parking,

A report was received from the Roads Section recommending **Additional Information** be requested. An extract taken from the Roads report states the following:

Prior to commencement of any works in the public domain, and in order to comply with The Roads Act 1993 Section 13 Paragraph 10, a Road Opening Licence must be secured from South Dublin County Council, Roads Maintenance Department.

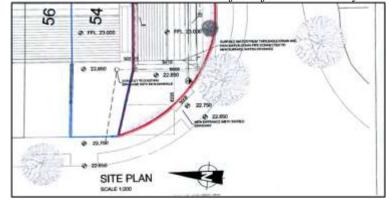
### Description:

Detached two storey house with new vehicular entrance to side of 54 Fernwood Avenue.

#### **Vehicular Entrance:**

The proposed vehicular entrance has an acceptable width of 3008mm but it's location on a corner would be unacceptable as it would endanger public safety by reason of <u>traffic hazard</u>.

The submitted drawings <u>do not show the heights of the boundary wall and pillars</u> at the vehicular entrance. An elevation of the front boundary should be submitted for agreement



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### Parking:

Under the current County Development Plan standards, the applicant is required to provide 1-2 spaces for a new dwelling. The proposed site plan does not show the number or layout of required parking spaces.

# Roads recommends that additional information be requested from the applicant:

- 1. A revised layout of not less than 1:200 scale showing vehicular access to proposed dwelling moved as far north as possible away from the junction of Fernwood Court.
- 2. A vertical elevation of not less than 1:200 scale, showing boundary walls at vehicle access points limited to a maximum height of 0.9m, and any boundary pillars limited to a maximum height of 1.2m, in order to improve forward visibility for vehicles.
- 3. Details on location and number of parking spaces to be provided. Refer to Table 11.24: Maximum Parking Rates (Residential) from the SDCC County Development Plan 2016-2022.

It is considered appropriate to request the above **Additional Information.** 

It is noted that previously approved SD16A/0155 was granted permission based on the following Roads **conditions.** 

*The kerbs and footpath of the public road at the vehicle entrance(s) shall be,* 

- (a) Dished at the applicant's, developer's or owner's expense, to the requirements of the Planning Authority, and
- (b) Completed in accordance with the terms of a Lowering of Footpath Licence to be obtained by the applicant, developer, or owner from the Council before any works are carried out.

REASON: In the interest of public safety and the proper planning and development of the area.

It is also noted that the drawings submitted for SD16A/0155 did not clearly show the exact location of the vehicular entrance for the new proposed dwelling.

#### Parks & Landscaping

A report was received from the Parks Department recommending a grant with **conditions.** An extract taken from the Parks report states the following:

The Public Realm Section has assessed the proposed development in accordance with the policies and objectives of the County Development Plan 2016-2022 and with best practice guidelines and recommends the following:

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### 1.Landscape Plan

Prior to the commencement of Development, a landscape plan and associated planting plan shall be submitted to the Planning Authority. The Landscape Plan shall include details of hard and soft landscaping. The Landscape Plan shall be implemented in full, within the first planting season following completion of the development. Details shall include:

- a) a scaled plan showing all existing vegetation and landscape features to be retained and trees and plants to be planted;
- *b)* The planting plan shall clearly set out the following:
- i. Location of species types, schedule of plants noting species, planting sizes and proposed numbers/densities where appropriate
- ii. Implementation timetables.
- iii. Detailed proposals for the future maintenance/management of all landscaped areas
- c) types and dimensions of all boundary treatments

#### **CONDITION**

REASON: To protect and enhance the character of the site and the area, and to ensure its appearance is satisfactory, in accordance with the policies and objectives contained within Section 8.3.0 Public Open Space Hierarchy and Landscape Setting of the CDP 2016-2022.

#### 2.Tree Bond

A tree bond of €3,000 (three thousand euros) shall be lodged with the Planning Authority to ensure the protection of the existing street trees located in the grass margin during the course of the development works. The bond will only be refunded upon receipt by SDCC Public Realm Section of a satisfactory post-construction arboricultural assessment, carried out by a qualified arborist and provided that the trees proposed for retention are alive, in good condition with a useful life expectancy. CONDITION

REASON: In the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, street-tree protection, and the maintenance of the county's green infrastructure in accordance with policy G2 Objective 9, G4 Objective 5, G2 Objective 13, G6 Objective 1, HCL15 Objective 3 of the CDP 2016-2022.

#### 3. Protection of Street Tree in Grass Margin

To ensure the protection of the existing street tree adjacent to the entrance of this proposed development, suitable tree protection fencing should be installed in order to protect the existing tree during construction works. Protective tree fencing must be erected prior to all construction operations occurring on site. Fencing to be in accordance with BS 5837. This fencing, enclosing the tree protection areas must be installed prior to any plant, vehicle or machinery access on site. Fencing must be clearly signed 'Tree Protection Area – No Construction Access'. No Excavation, plant vehicle movement, materials or soil storage is to be permitted within the fenced tree protection area. CONDITION

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REASON: To ensure the safety and well-being of the trees on and adjacent to the subject site that are to remain after building works are completed, in accordance with policy G2 Objective 9, G4 Objective 5, G2 Objective 13, G6 Objective 1, HCL15 Objective 3 of the CDP 2016-2022

#### 4.SUDS

Prior to the commencement of Development, the following information shall be submitted to the Planning Authority:

- (i) A drawing to show how surface water shall be attenuated to greenfield run off rates.
- (ii) Submit a drawing to show what SuDS (Sustainable Drainage Systems) are proposed. Examples of SuDS include permeable paving, filter drains etc.
- (iii) SUDs Management The applicant is requested to submit a comprehensive SUDS Management Plan to demonstrate that the proposed SUDS features have reduced the rate of run off into the existing surface water drainage network. A maintenance plan should also be included as a demonstration of how the system will function following implementation.

#### **CONDITION**

REASON: To prevent the increased risk of flooding and to improve and protect water quality, in accordance with policies under Section 8.4.0 Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems of the CDP 2016-22 in particular G5 Objective 1 and G5 Objective 2

In the event that the proposed entrance driveways cannot be re-located away from the existing street trees/or the development is limited to one new driveway entrance; then the following condition should be applied to any proposed grant of permission:

#### 5. No dig driveway

No work shall commence on site until such time as a method statement for the "No dig" method of driveway construction for the new proposed vehicular entrance has been submitted to the Planning Authority. The existing street immediately adjoining the existing driveway shall be protected from damage as a result of the works on site, to the satisfaction of the Public Realm Section in accordance with it relevant British Standards (e.g. BS5837:2012) for the duration of the development. In the event that the tree become damaged during construction, the Public Realm Section shall be notified, and remedial action agreed and implemented. In the event that the tree dies or is removed without the prior consent of the Public Realm Section, it shall be replaced within the first available planting season, in accordance with details agreed with the Public Realm Section. CONDITION

Notwithstanding the report from the Parks Department, it is considered appropriate to attach a tree bond, tree protection and SUDs measures by way of **condition** in the event of a grant.

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### Services & Drainage

Both Irish Water and Surface Water Drainage have no objections subject to **conditions.** An extract taken from the Irish Water report states the following:

IW Recommendation:

No Objection

IW Observations:

#### 1 Water

Where the applicant proposes to connect to a public water network operated by Irish Water, the applicant must sign a connection agreement with Irish Water prior to the commencement of the development and adhere to the standards and conditions set out in that agreement. Reason: In the interest of public health and to ensure adequate water facilities.

#### 2 Foul

Where the applicant proposes to connect to a public wastewater network operated by Irish Water, the applicant must sign a connection agreement with Irish Water prior to the commencement of the development and adhere to the standards and conditions set out in that agreement.

*Reason: In the interest of public health and to ensure adequate water facilities.*It is considered appropriate to attach the above **conditions** in the event of a grant.

An extract taken from the Surface Water Drainage report states the following: *Surface Water Report: No Objection Subject To:* 

1.1 The applicant shall include SuDS (Sustainable urban Drainage Systems) features for the proposed development such as but not limited to the following:

- Rain Gardens
- Planter boxes with overflow connection to the public surface water sewer.
- Permeable Paving
- Grasscrete
- Water Butt/s

#### Flood Risk No Objection

The Developer shall ensure that there is complete separation of the foul and surface water drainage for the proposed development.

All works for this development shall comply with the requirements of the Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works.

It is considered appropriate to attach the above **conditions** in the event of a grant.

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### Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA)

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.

#### Screening for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIAR)

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.

### **Other Consideration**

# **Development Contributions**

- 2 storey dwelling.
- Assessable area measures 120sq.m.

SEA Monitoring Information		
<b>Building Use Type Proposed</b>	Floor Area (sq. m.)	
Residential – dwelling	120sq. m.	
Land Type	Site Area (Ha.)	
Urban Consolidation	0.0234Ha	

#### Conclusion

Request Additional Information.

#### Recommendation

Request Further Information.

#### **Further Information**

- Further Information was requested on 14/03/2022.
- Further Information was received on 09/06/2022.

No submissions/observations on the further information have been made.

The following Further Information was requested.

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# **Item 1: Access & Parking.**

The applicant is requested to submit the following information regarding requirements for access and parking.

- (a) A revised layout of not less than 1:200 scale showing vehicular access to proposed dwelling moved as far north as possible away from the junction of Fernwood Court.
- (b) A vertical elevation of not less than 1:200 scale, showing boundary walls at vehicle access points limited to a maximum height of 0.9m, and any boundary pillars limited to a maximum height of 1.2m, in order to improve forward visibility for vehicles.
- (c) Details on location and number of parking spaces to be provided. Refer to Table 11.24: Maximum Parking Rates (Residential) from the SDCC County Development Plan 2016-2022.

### **Item 2: Proposed contiguous elevation.**

The applicant is requested to submit a proposed contiguous elevation for this current application showing the front elevation of the proposed dwelling and the front elevation of the existing dwelling.

#### Item 3: Bedroom sizes.

Bedroom sizes do not comply with Section 11.3.1 Residential (iv) Dwelling Standards regarding minimum internal floor areas for proposed bedrooms of the SDCC Development Plan 2016-2022. Additionally, drawings submitted do not indicate if bedrooms are intended for use as single or double bedrooms. The internal floor area of all four bedrooms is listed below.

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Bed 2 = 6.9sq.m.

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To comply with Section 11.3.1 Residential (iv) Dwelling Standards the floor area of the main bedroom must be at least 13sq.m. For this proposal the area of the main bedroom (bed 3) is 11.4sq.m. which is slightly below the required standard and would not comply. To comply with Section 11.3.1 Residential (iv) Dwelling Standards the floor area of a double bedroom must be a minimum of 11.4sq.m. To comply with Section 11.3.1 Residential (iv) Dwelling Standards the floor area of a single bedroom must be a minimum of 7.1sq.m. Therefore bed 2 (6.9sq.m.) and bed 4 (5.2sq.m.) do not comply. The applicant is requested to submit revised scaled and dimensioned drawings clearly indicating whether each bedroom is a single or a double bedroom. The applicant is requested to submit revised drawings for all bedrooms clearly showing how this complies with Section 11.3.1 Residential (iv) Dwelling Standards of the SDCC Development Plan 2016-2022.

#### **Item 4: Dual Frontage.**

To provide for improved dual frontage and improved passive surveillance of the public realm an additional window should be inserted on the southern elevation for bed 4. Therefore, the

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applicant is requested to submit revised drawings clearly showing the insertion of an additional window for bed 4 on the southern elevation.

#### **Item 5: Storage**

The drawings submitted show no dedicated storage to be provided for the proposal. This would not comply with the minimum storage area requirements as per the Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities, Best Practice Guidelines for Delivering Homes Sustaining Communities 2007. A minimum of 6sq.m of dedicated storage space should be provided for a 4 bed, 7 person, 2 storey house. Therefore, the level of storage to be provided would not comply with the above policy. The applicant is requested to submit revised drawings clearly showing the appropriate level of dedicated storage will be provided to comply with the Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities, Best Practice Guidelines for Delivering Homes Sustaining Communities 2007.

#### Item 6: Unobstructed living room width.

At 3.6m the living room width will be slightly below the 3.8m set out for unobstructed living room width as per Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities, Best Practice Guidelines for Delivering Homes Sustaining Communities 2007. Therefore, this would not comply. The applicant is requested to submit appropriate revised scaled and dimensioned drawings to address this issue so that it complies with the Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities, Best Practice Guidelines for Delivering Homes Sustaining Communities 2007.

#### Item 7: Boundary treatment.

No boundary treatment details have been submitted for the proposal. Therefore, the applicant is requested to submit clear boundary treatment details in both plan and elevation for all front, rear and all side boundaries. All proposed boundary treatment details should comply with the SDCC Development Plan 2016-2022.

#### **Further Consultations**

Roads Department – No objections subject to **conditions**.

#### **Further Submissions/Observations**

None received.

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#### Assessment

#### Item 1: Access & Parking.

The applicant has submitted a cover letter and revised drawings in an attempt to address the request for additional information. An extract taken from the cover letter states the following:

- Revised Layout 012/18-03 addressing:
  - Vehicular access moved as far north as possible from the junction to Fernwood Court
  - Height of boundary wall at entrance matching all adjacent entrance walls at 900mm high. No piers will be constructed.
  - c. 2 parking spaces are provided even though as stated in Table 11.24: Maximum Parking Rates from the SDCC County Development Plan 2016-2022 due to the developments proximity to 2 bus routes and a Luas stop 1.5 need be provided

Based on the additional information submitted a report was received from the Roads Department recommending no objections subject to conditions. An extract taken from the Roads report states the following:

#### Roads Department Assessment:

The parking layout submitted by the applicant shows parking spaces for 2 no. cars. However, it is clear that 2 cars could not safely access and egress the spaces. The Roads Department considers a single parking space to be adequate at this property due to the location of good public transport links, schools and retail facilities nearby.

#### *No Roads objections subject to the following conditions:*

- 1. Footpath and kerb shall be dished and widened, and the dropped crossing shall be constructed to the satisfaction of South Dublin County Council and at the applicant's expense. The footpath and kerb shall be dished and widened to the full width of the proposed widened driveway entrance.
- 2. Any gates shall open inwards and not out over the public domain.
- 3. All vehicles parked in the driveways must exit the site in a forward direction. No vehicles to reverse onto the public roadway at any time.

It is considered appropriate to attach the above **conditions** in the event of a grant apart from condition 3 as it is not enforceable. In addition to this considering that 2 no. cars could not safely access and egress the space a **condition** shall also be attached whereby 1 no. single parking space only be provided at this property due to the location of good public transport links, schools and retail facilities nearby.

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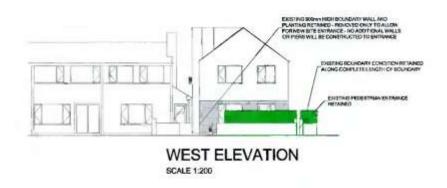
The Planning Authority considers the applicant has satisfactorily responded to the request for additional information for this item.

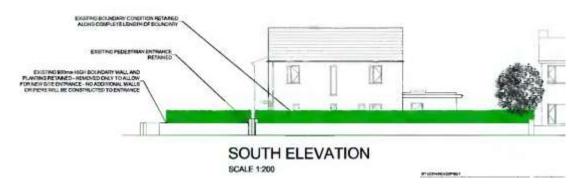
# <u>Item 2: Proposed contiguous elevation.</u>

The applicant has submitted a cover letter and revised drawings in an attempt to address the request for additional information. An extract taken from the cover letter states the following:

### 2. Street Elevations are provided in drawing

6 No.	Site Plan	Scale 1:200.	012/18-03
6 No.	Floor Plans	Scale 1:100,	012/18-04
6 No.	Elevations	Scale 1:100.	012/18-05
6 No.	Elevations	Scale 1:100.	012/18-06
6 No.	Street Elevations	Scale 1:200.	012/18-08





The Planning Authority considers the applicant has satisfactorily responded to the request for additional information for this item.

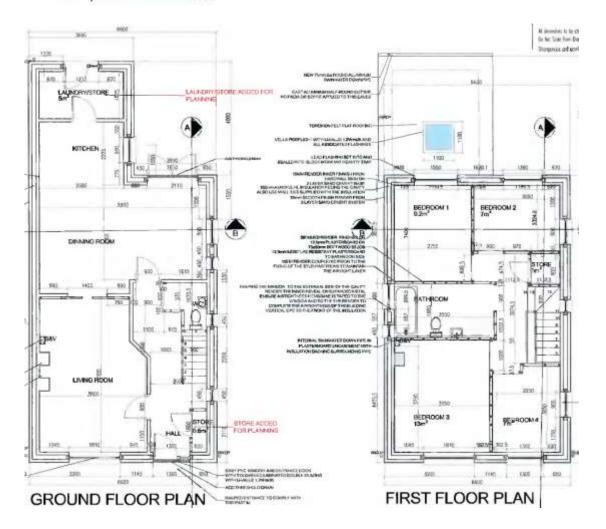
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#### Item 3: Bedroom sizes

The applicant has submitted a cover letter and revised drawings in an attempt to address the request for additional information. An extract taken from the cover letter states the following:

 Revised floor plans shown in drawing 012/18-04 address the required areas in bedrooms in Section 11.3.1 Residential Dwelling Standards of the SDCC development Plan 2016-2022



Revised bedroom sizes now broadly comply with Section 11.3.1 Residential (iv) Dwelling Standards of the SDCC Development Plan 2016-2022. Bedroom 1 has decreased in size from 9.8sq.m. to 9.2sq.m.. The floor area for bedroom 1 would comply for a single bedroom but not for a double bedroom (min 11.4sq.m.). Bedroom 2 now measures 7sq.m. which is broadly in compliance with the minimum of 7.1sq.m. for a single bedroom. Bedroom 3 now measures 13sq.m. which complies with the minimum floor area for the main bedroom. Bedroom 4 now

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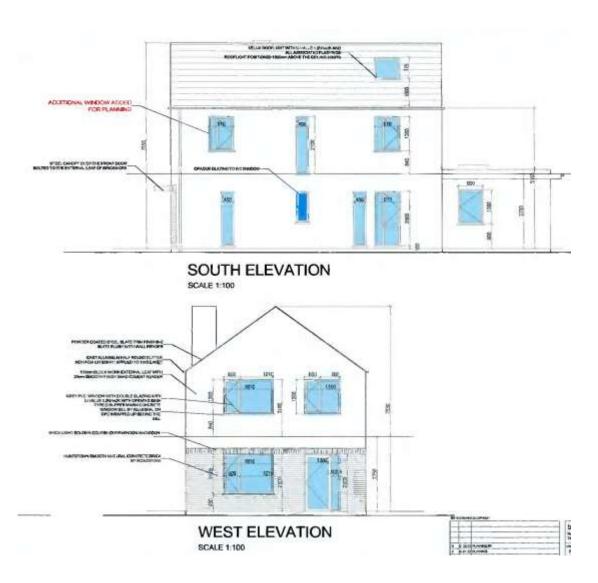
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measures 7sq.m. which is broadly in compliance with the minimum of 7.1sq.m. for a single bedroom. The Planning Authority considers the applicant has satisfactorily responded to the request for additional information for this item.

### Item 4: Dual Frontage

The applicant has submitted a cover letter and revised drawings in an attempt to address the request for additional information. An extract taken from the cover letter states the following:

 Drawing 012/18-05 address the dual frontage of the building with the addition of an extra window to the south facade.



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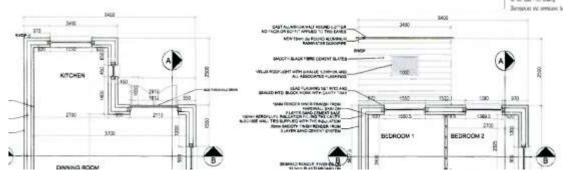
The revised drawing submitted shows for an additional window to be inserted on the southern elevation for bed 4 on the southern elevation. The Planning Authority considers the applicant has satisfactorily responded to the request for additional information for this item.

### Item 5: Storage

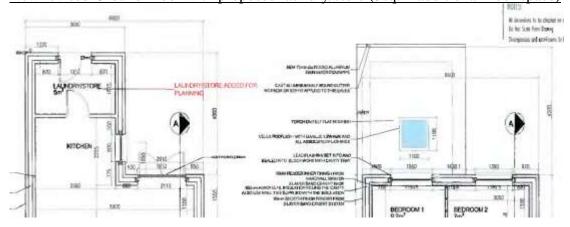
The applicant has submitted a cover letter and revised drawings in an attempt to address the request for additional information. An extract taken from the cover letter states the following:

 Drawing 012/18-04 address outstanding dedicated storage area as required by the Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities, Best Practice Guidelines for Delivering Homes Sustaining Communities 2007.

# Original Rear Ground Floor without laundry/store



#### New revised Ground Floor with proposed laundry/store (5sq.m additional floor space)



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Revised drawings submitted show c.6.6sq.m of dedicated storage will now be provided. This complies with the minimum 6sq.m. for a 4 bed, 7 person, 2 storey house. This would comply with the Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities, Best Practice Guidelines for Delivering Homes Sustaining Communities 2007. It is noted that the ground floor will be extended further outwards at the rear by an additional 1.7m to provide for the laundry/store (5sq.m.). The kitchen and laundry/store will now have a flat parapet roof (parapet height c.3.375m) instead of the previously proposed mono-pitched roof. The Planning Authority considers the applicant has satisfactorily responded to the request for additional information for this item.

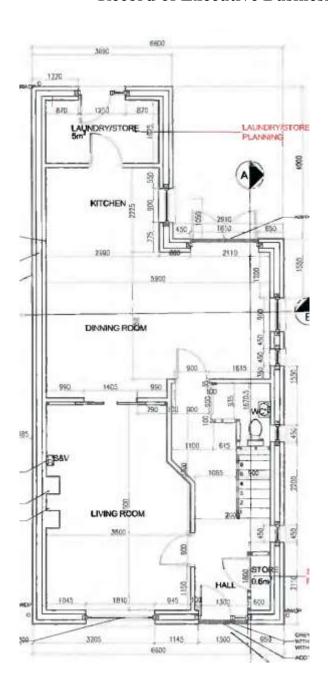
### <u>Item 6: Unobstructed living room width.</u>

The applicant has submitted a cover letter and revised drawings in an attempt to address the request for additional information. An extract taken from the cover letter states the following:

 Drawing 012/18-04 address the highlighted unobstructed living room width as per Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities, Best Practice Guidelines for Delivering Homes Sustaining Communities 2007.

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At 3.8m the living room width now complies with the 3.8m set out for unobstructed living room width as per Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities, Best Practice Guidelines for Delivering Homes Sustaining Communities 2007. The Planning Authority considers the applicant has satisfactorily responded to the request for additional information for this item.

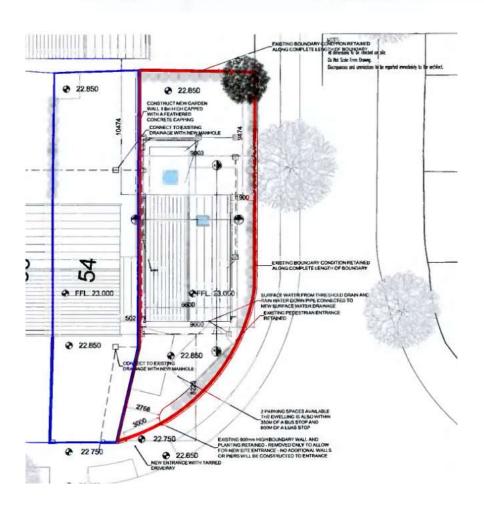
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# <u>Item 7: Boundary Treatment</u>

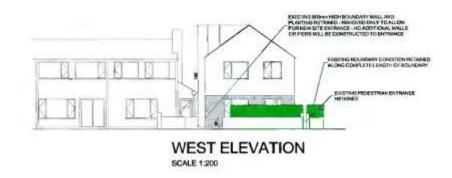
The applicant has submitted a cover letter and revised drawings in an attempt to address the request for additional information. An extract taken from the cover letter states the following:

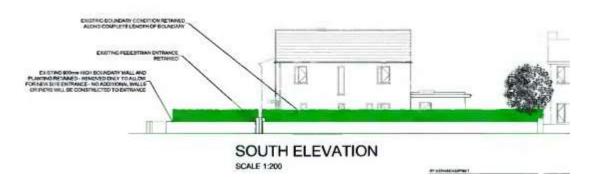
Drawings 012/18-03 012/18-08 Address the site boundary treatments. There is no
proposed modification to the existing site boundary as it exists. It will remain exactly
as it is except in the location where the new entrance is provided.



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The Planning Authority considers the applicant has satisfactorily responded to the request for additional information for this item.

### Other Consideration

# Development Contributions

- 2 storey dwelling.
- Assessable area measures 120sq.m plus additional 5sq.m. for laundry/store.
- Assessable area measures c.125sq.m.

SEA Monitoring Information		
<b>Building Use Type Proposed</b>	Floor Area (sq. m.)	
Residential – dwelling	125sq. m.	
Land Type	Site Area (Ha.)	
Urban Consolidation	0.0234Ha	

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### **Conclusion**

Having regard to the provisions of the South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2016-2022, the Planning Authority is satisfied that subject to conditions the development is consistent with the Development Plan provisions and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and accordingly a grant of permission is recommended.

#### **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 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 as amended by Further Information received on 09.06.2022, 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. (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) Drainage Irish Water.
- (i). Where the applicant proposes to connect to a public water network operated by Irish Water, the applicant must sign a connection agreement with Irish Water prior to the commencement of the development and adhere to the standards and conditions set out in that agreement. Reason: In the interest of public health and to ensure adequate water facilities.

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- (ii). Where the applicant proposes to connect to a public wastewater network operated by Irish Water, the applicant must sign a connection agreement with Irish Water prior to the commencement of the development and adhere to the standards and conditions set out in that agreement.
- (iii). The applicant shall include SuDS (Sustainable urban Drainage Systems) features for the proposed development such as but not limited to the following:
- Rain Gardens
- Planter boxes with overflow connection to the public surface water sewer.
- Permeable Paving
- Grasscrete
- Water Butt/s
- (iv). The Developer shall ensure that there is complete separation of the foul and surface water drainage for the proposed development.
- (v). All works for this development shall comply with the requirements of the Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works.
- (vi). The water supply and drainage infrastructure, shall comply with the requirements of Irish Water.
- (vii). 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.
- (viii). 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.

(c) 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.

(d) 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

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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.

#### 3. Roads Requirements.

- (a). Footpath and kerb shall be dished and widened, and the dropped crossing shall be constructed to the satisfaction of South Dublin County Council and at the applicant's expense. The footpath and kerb shall be dished and widened to the full width of the proposed widened driveway entrance.
- (b). Any gates shall open inwards and not out over the public domain.
- (c). One parking space only be provided at this property

REASON: In the interest of proper planning and sustainable development.

#### 4. Trees.

- (a) A tree bond of €3,000 (three thousand euros) shall be lodged with the Planning Authority to ensure the protection of the existing street trees located in the grass margin during the course of the development works. The bond will only be refunded upon receipt by SDCC Public Realm Section of a satisfactory post-construction arboricultural assessment, carried out by a qualified arborist and provided that the trees proposed for retention are alive, in good condition with a useful life expectancy.
- (b). Suitable tree protection fencing shall be installed in order to protect the existing tree during construction works. Protective tree fencing must be erected prior to all construction

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operations occurring on site. Fencing to be in accordance with BS 5837. This fencing, enclosing the tree protection areas must be installed prior to any plant, vehicle or machinery access on site. Fencing must be clearly signed 'Tree Protection Area – No Construction Access'. No Excavation, plant vehicle movement, materials or soil storage is to be permitted within the fenced tree protection area.

REASON: To ensure the safety and well-being of the trees on and adjacent to the subject site that are to remain after building works are completed, in accordance with policy G2 Objective 9, G4 Objective 5, G2 Objective 13, G6 Objective 1, HCL15 Objective 3 of the CDP 2016-2022.

#### 5. Restriction on Use.

The house hereby permitted shall be used as a single dwelling unit and shall not be subdivided by way of sale or letting (including short-term letting) or otherwise nor shall it be used for any commercial purposes.

REASON: To prevent unauthorised development.

#### 6. Financial Contribution.

The developer shall pay to the Planning Authority a financial contribution of €13,061.25 (thirteen thousand and sixty one euros and twenty five 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 contributions under the Scheme shall be payable prior to commencement of development or as otherwise agreed in writing by the Council. Contributions due in respect of permission for retention will become payable immediately on issue of the final grant of permission. Contributions shall be payable at the index adjusted rate pertaining to the year in which implementation of the planning permission is commenced.

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

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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: Waste, arising from the site, must be kept to a minimum, segregated where appropriate, and disposed in accordance with the Waste Management Regulations 2007, as amended. Transport of such waste, must be by an authorised waste permit holder. Waste disposal records must be maintained and made available, for inspection by Authorised Persons appointed under the Waste Management Act 1996, as amended. A Waste Transfer Form shall accompany the transportation of all hazardous waste arising from the construction works.

NOTE: A Roads Opening Licence must be obtained from South Dublin County Council prior to the commencement of any works in the public domain in order to comply with the Roads Act 1993, Section 13, paragraph 10. Under this Act, non-compliance constitutes an offence.

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REG. REF. SD22A/0015 LOCATION: 54, Fernwood Avenue, Dublin 24

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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: 6 July 2022

Colm Harte.

Senior Executive Planner