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Reg. Reference: SD22B/0266 **Application Date:** 10-Jun-2022
Submission Type: New Application **Registration Date:** 10-Jun-2022
Correspondence Name and Address: Joseph English, JE Architecture Ltd Park House,
Ballisk Court, Donabate, Co. Dublin
Proposed Development: Planning Permission for conversion of attic to non-
habitable storage space with contemporize dormer to
rear roof,
Roof windows to front roof with ancillary works
Location: 10, The Court, Scholarstown Wood, Dublin 16,
D16FV08
Applicant Name: Sarah Crowley
Application Type: Permission

(EW)

Description of Site and Surroundings:

Site Area: 0.0205 ha

Site Description:

The site is located within a recently constructed housing development, Scholarstown Wood to the south of Scholarstown Road and contains an end-terrace dwelling with pitched roof profile. The streetscape of The Avenue is characterised by terraced and semi-detached houses of similar form with a mix of house types.

Proposal:

- Planning Permission for conversion of attic to non-habitable storage space with contemporize dormer to rear roof,
- Roof windows to front roof with ancillary works

Zoning:

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

Consultations:

Surface Water Drainage – No report received; standard conditions apply.

SEA Sensitivity Screening – No overlap indicated.

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Submissions/Observations /Representations

None for subject site.

Relevant Planning History

None for subject site.

Adjacent sites

SD22B/0139 - 23, The Way, Scholarstown Wood, Dublin 16. **Grant Permission** for Attic conversion to home office and storage space with internal access stairs, dormer window to front roof elevation and roof windows to rear roof elevation.

SD17B/0321- 7, The Avenue, Scholarstown Wood, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16. **Granted Permission and Grant Retention** for 2 new 'Velux' windows to the front elevation and retention of an existing converted attic space.

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 2022 - 2028

Extensions

- The design of residential extensions should have regard to the permitted pattern of development in the immediate area alongside the South Dublin County Council House Extension Guide (2010) or any superseding standards

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Relevant Government Guidelines

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).

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Assessment

The main issues for assessment relate to:

- Zoning and Council policy;
- Residential and visual amenity;
- Services and drainage.

Zoning and Council Policy

The attic conversion is consistent in principle with zoning objective 'RES' and would generally be in compliance with Council policy in relation to extensions to dwelling houses, as set out in South Dublin County Council House Extension Design Guide (2010), and in the Development Plan.

Residential & Visual Amenity

Regarding the proposed modification of the existing roof structure, the roof remains pitched, and as such, no visual imbalance from the front elevation would result from the proposal.

The conversion is proposed as a non-habitable space; a **note** should be attached stating that in order to use the attic for habitable space, it must comply with the Building Regulations. The two new front attic windows are considered acceptable to the visual and residential amenities of the area.

Rear Dormer Window

The proposed rear dormer window is positioned below the ridgeline of the existing dwelling and three tile courses above the eaves of the existing dwelling. The scale/design and window used in the proposed flat-roofed dormer window are considered to be consistent with the recommendations of the Council's House Extension Design Guide in relation to the design of dormer extensions and, as such, would be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

This development would enable the conversion of the attic providing an acceptable balance between the adaptable re-design of a house and providing accommodation that meets the needs of families so that the life cycle and use of that building can continue; therefore, a grant of permission is recommended.

Services & Drainage

No drainage report was received however no w.c is proposed, and standard conditions shall apply subject to conditions being attached for the development in the event of a grant of permission.

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Screening for Appropriate Assessment

The subject site is not located within nor within close proximity to a European site. The proposed development is located within an established residential area and comprises of a dormer window extension.

Having regard to:

- the small scale and domestic nature of the development,
- the location of the development in a serviced urban area, and
- the consequent absence of a pathway to the European site,

it is considered that the proposed development would not be likely to have a significant effect individually, or in-combination with other plans and projects, on the Natura 2000 network and appropriate assessment is not therefore required.

Environmental Impact Assessment

Having regard to the modest nature of the 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.

Development Contributions

Development Contributions Assessment Overall Quantum

Attic Conversion /Dormer window: 40.24 sq.m (non-habitable)

Assessable Area: NIL

SEA Monitoring Information

Building Use Type Proposed: Residential- attic conversion

Floor Area: 40.24 sq.m

Land Type: Brownfield/Urban Consolidation.

Site Area: 0.0205 ha

Conclusion

Having regard to the provisions of the South Dublin County Council Development Plan, existing permissions for similar type development, the location of the site away from a prominent and highly visible site, the overall design and scale of the development proposed it is considered that, subject to the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity and would, therefore, in this instance, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. It is considered

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that the proposed extension in this instance, would be generally in compliance with Council policy in relation to extensions to dwelling houses.

Recommendation

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

FIRST SCHEDULE

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

SECOND SCHEDULE

Conditions and Reasons

1. Development in accordance with submitted plans and details.
The development shall be carried out and completed in its entirety fully in accordance with the plans, particulars and specifications lodged with the application, save as may be required by the other conditions attached hereto.
REASON: To ensure that the development shall be in accordance with the permission and that effective control be maintained.
2. (a) External Finishes.
All external finishes shall harmonise in colour or texture that is complementary to the house or its context.
REASON: In the interest of visual amenity.
(b) Drainage - Surface Water.
(i) There shall be complete separation of the foul and surface water drainage systems, both in respect of installation and use.
(ii) 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.

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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 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.

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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: 10, The Court, Scholarstown Wood, Dublin 16, D16FV08


Colm Harte

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:

2/8/22


Eoin Burke, Senior Planner