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**Reg. Reference:** SD22B/0293 **Application Date:** 24-Jun-2022 **Submission Type:** New Application **Registration Date:** 24-Jun-2022

**Correspondence Name and Address:** Watson Fitzpatrick 98, Woodlawn Park Grove,

Firhouse, Dublin 24

**Proposed Development:** Porch to front.

**Location:** 2A, Alderwood Close, Springfield, Tallaght, Dublin

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**Applicant Name:** Mr. Shijo Paul

**Application Type:** Permission

(NM)

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

Site Area: as stated 0.029 Hectares.

## Site Description:

The subject dwelling is a two-storey, end of terrace property with a pitched roof located on Alderwood Close, a residential estate off Cookstown Way. The area is predominately residential in nature with a staggered building line.

#### **Proposal:**

The proposed application comprises of:

- Porch to front.
- Total area of works comprises 4sqm

#### **Zoning:**

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

#### **Consultations:**

Surface Water Drainage - No report received

Irish Water – No report received

## **SEA Sensitivity Screening**

No overlaps with any relevant layers.

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# **Submissions/Observations/Representations**

No submissions received.

## **Relevant Planning History**

Subject Site:

SD21B/0060 – **Permission Granted** for two storey extension to side; single storey extension to rear and porch to front.

## Adjacent Sites:

SD04B/0546 - 25, Alderwood Avenue, Springfield, Dublin 24 – **Permission Granted** for single storey extension at rear, porch and bay window extension to front and demolition of front garden wall to give wider access to paved garden for extra parking with wider gates, also, extend existing driveway by removing grass margin in front of house.

## **Relevant Enforcement History**

No recent enforcement history.

#### **Pre-Planning Consultation**

None on record.

#### Relevant Policy in South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2022 - 2028

6.8.2 Residential Extensions

Policy H14: Residential Extensions Support the extension of existing dwellings subject to the protection of residential and visual amenities.

H14 Objective 1: To favourably consider proposals to extend existing dwellings subject to the protection of residential and visual amenities and compliance with the standards set out in Chapter 13 Implementation and Monitoring and the guidance set out in the South Dublin County Council House Extension Design Guide, 2010 (or any superseding guidelines).

Policy GI1: Overarching

GII Objective 4: To require development to incorporate GI as an integral part of the design and layout concept for all development in the County including but not restricted to residential, commercial and mixed use through the explicit identification of GI as part of a landscape plan, identifying environmental assets and including proposals which protect, manage and enhance GI resources providing links to local and countywide GI networks.

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

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#### **Porches**

- A porch with a solid appearance (i.e., a greater proportion of brickwork or render to glazing) and a steeply pitched roof will usually be more appropriate for older houses and those of a more traditional design which have pitched roofs of 45° or more.
- A simple porch structure with a more lightweight appearance (i.e., a greater proportion of glazing to brickwork or render) and either a flat roof or a shallow pitch of 30° or less will be appropriate for a modern house with either a flat or shallow pitch roof and strong horizontal lines e.g., wide windows.
- Where a house has an arched or other distinctly decorative entrance, it is best to design a porch structure that will enhance and reveal rather than obscure it.
- Avoid the use of fussy decorative details and features not typical of the house.

## **Relevant Government Guidelines**

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

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

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

## **Assessment**

The main issues for assessment relate to:

- Zoning and Council policy,
- Residential and visual amenity,
- Green Infrastructure
- Drainage,
- Screening for Appropriate Assessment,
- Environmental Impact Assessment.

## **Zoning and Council Policy**

A development comprising of a porch would be consistent in principle with zoning objective 'RES' – 'To protect and/or improve residential amenity,' subject to the relevant provisions in the County Development Plan **2022-2028** and the House Extension Design Guide.

## Residential & Visual Amenity

The proposed development is a porch to the front of the existing dwelling with a pitched roof. The ridge height will be 3.4m would not be overbearing in the site context and is therefore acceptable. It will project approximately 2m from the existing building line with a door to the northern elevation and a window on the western elevation which would not lead to overlooking. The materials proposed shall match that of the existing which is appropriate. The parking area to the front will be 5.6m where the porch is positioned which is not consistent with the House Extension Design Guide. Having regard to this and the fact that the House Extension guide limits

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front extensions to a 1.5m depth a condition should be imposed limiting the depth to 1.5m. The proposal is visually similar to the porch granted permission under SD21B/0060 but it is noted that porch was smaller in size and scale.

Overall, the proposed development would not seriously injure the visual or residential amenities of the area.

## Green Infrastructure

The subject site is not located within a Core Area, Primary GI Corridor or Secondary GI Link as identified in the Green Infrastructure Strategy Map (Figure 4.4 of the County Development Plan 2022 - 2028). The development will increase the floorplate of the dwelling, however, will not result in the loss of any hedgerow, trees and or grassland and therefore a full GI Plan is not required for this application.

#### **Drainage**

No report was received. Standard conditions should apply in the event of a grant of permission.

#### 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 porch. 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**

Previous Extensions: 57sqm
Porch: 4sqm
Assessable Area: 4sqm

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## **SEA Monitoring Information**

Building Use Type Proposed:

Floor Area: 4sqm

Land Type: Urban Consolidation.

Site Area: 0.029 Hectares.

#### Conclusion

Having regard to the provisions of the South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2022 – 2028 and 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, be in accordance 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 2022 - 2028 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.
  - a) 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.
  - b) the porch shall be reduced in size such that it does not project further than 1.5m from the front building line of the dwelling.
  - 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.

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REASON: In the interest of visual amenity.

- (b) Drainage Irish Water.
- (i) The water supply and drainage infrastructure, shall comply with the requirements of Irish Water.
- (ii) There shall be complete separation of the foul and surface water drainage systems, both in respect of installation and use. All new precast surface water manholes shall have a minimum thickness surround of 150mm Concrete Class B.
- (iii) All drainage works for this development shall comply fully with the Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works.

REASON: In the interests of public health, the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and in order to ensure adequate water supply and drainage provision.

(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 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

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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. Financial Contribution.

The developer shall pay to the Planning Authority a financial contribution of €417.96 (four hundred and seventeen euros and ninety six 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 taken by the contractor to prevent the spillage or deposit of clay, rubble or other debris on

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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.

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REG. REF. SD22B/0293 LOCATION: 2A, Alderwood Close, Springfield, Tallaght, Dublin 24

I'm 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.

Eoin Burke, Senior Planner