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Reg. Reference:SD22B/0313Application Date:30-Jun-2022Submission Type:New ApplicationRegistration Date:30-Jun-2022

**Correspondence Name and Address:** David Brunton 49, Kew Park Avenue, Lucan, Co.

Dublin

**Proposed Development:** First Floor extension over existing single storey

structure to side and a two storey extension to front

of existing dwelling.

**Location:** 49, Kew Park Avenue, Lucan, Co. Dublin

Applicant Name:David BruntonApplication Type:Permission

(SW)

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

Site Area: stated as 0.038 Hectares.

### **Site Description:**

The subject site is located on Kew Park Avenue. The site consists of an existing semi-detached two storey dwelling. The adjacent properties are also semi-detached. The opposing properties are bungalows. The property has a front garden / driveway, and back garden.

## **Proposal:**

First Floor extension over existing single storey structure to side and a two storey extension to front of existing dwelling.

#### **Zoning:**

The subject site is subject to zoning objective RES – 'To protect and/or improve residential amenity'.

CDP maps: Aviation - bird hazards; inner horizontal surface (Weston); Conical Surface (Casement).

#### **Consultations:**

Water Services: No report received at time of writing. *Irish Water:* No report received at time of writing.

*Roads:* No objection, subject to conditions. *Parks:* No objection, subject to conditions.

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SEA Sensitivity Screening – no overlap is recorded in the SEA monitoring system.

# **Submissions/Observations /Representations**

None received.

## **Relevant Planning History**

Subject site:

None.

Adjacent sites:

None.

#### **Relevant Enforcement History**

None.

### **Pre-Planning Consultation**

None recorded for subject site according to APAS.

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

*Policy QDP7: High Quality Design – Development General* Promote and facilitate development which incorporates exemplary standards of high-quality, sustainable and inclusive urban design, urban form and architecture.

*Policy QDP11: Materials, Colours and Textures* Promote high-quality building finishes that are appropriate to context, durable and adhere to the principles of sustainability and energy efficiency.

*Policy H11*: Privacy and Security Promote a high standard of privacy and security for existing and proposed dwellings through the design and layout of housing.

#### 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).

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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.

*Policy E3*: Energy Performance in Existing and New Buildings Support high levels of energy conservation, energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy sources in new and existing buildings including the retro fitting of energy efficiency measures in the existing building stock in accordance with relevant building regulations, national policy and guidance and the targets of the National and South Dublin Climate Change Action Plans.

*Policy E4:* Electric Vehicles Promote the delivery of EV charging facilities in accordance with relevant regulations and national and regional policy and guidance. (See also Chapter 7: *Sustainable Movement* and Chapter 12: *Implementation and Monitoring*)

*Policy SM7: Car Parking and EV Charging* Implement a balanced approach to the provision of car parking with the aim of using parking as a demand management measure to promote a transition towards more sustainable forms of transportation, while meeting the needs of businesses and communities.

*Policy IE1:* Overarching Policy Ensure that development occurs within environmental limits, having regard to the requirements of all relevant environmental legislation and the sustainable management of our natural capital.

Policy IE2: Water Supply and Wastewater

Policy IE3: Surface Water and Groundwater

Policy IE4: Flood Risk

Policy IE7: Waste Management Policy IE8: Environmental Quality

12.3.1 Appropriate Assessment

12.3.2 Ecological Protection

12.3.3 Environmental Impact Assessment

12.4.1 Green Infrastructure Definition and Spatial Framework

12.4.2 Green Infrastructure and Development Management All planning applications shall demonstrate how they contribute to the protection or enhancement of Green

Infrastructure in the County through the provision of green infrastructure elements as part of the application submission:

Applications for extensions or single houses will also require the submission of a GI Infrastructure Plan which may be incorporated into the proposed landscape plan. This should clearly incorporate GI elements and provide links to local 'Stepping-Stones', Cores and

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Corridors where appropriate. Some smaller scale development may require more detailed GI Infrastructure Plans. Depending on location and context of the site, this will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

Regardless of development size or type, applicants must submit an overall site summary quantifying and detailing the following:

- tree and hedgerow removal;
- tree and hedgerow retention;
- new tree and hedgerow planting.

This information will be submitted in a digital format agreed with the Council to allow amalgamation and reporting on tree and hedgerow cover within the County over time.

#### Green Space Factor (GSF)

The GSF is a score-based requirement that establishes minimum standards for landscaping and GI provision in new developments. Minimum scoring requirements are based on the land-use zoning of a site (See GI5 Objective 4), this applies to all development comprising 2 or more residential units and any development with a floor area in excess of 500 sq m.

12.4.3 Riparian Corridors (not within an identified area)

12.5 Quality Design and Healthy Placemaking

12.6 Housing - Residential Development

12.6.7 Residential Standards

12.6.8 Residential Consolidation

**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.

12.7.4 Car Parking Standards

Table 12.26: Maximum Parking Rates (Residential Development)

12.7.5 Car Parking / Charging for Electric Vehicles (EVs)

12.7.6 Car Parking Design and Layout

12.11.1 Water Management

(i) Flood Risk Assessment

Proposals for minor development to existing buildings (for example, extensions or change of use) in areas of flood risk should include a flood risk assessment of appropriate detail.

(ii) Surface Water

Development proposals should provide suitable drainage measures in compliance with the *South Dublin County Council's Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) Explanatory, Design and Evaluation Guide*, 2022.

(iii) Sustainable Urban Drainage System (SuDS)

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In general, all new developments will be required to incorporate Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS).

- (iv) Groundwater
- (v) Rain Water Harvesting

### **South Dublin County Council House Extension Design Guide (2010)**

The House Extension design guide contains the following guidance on house extensions, including for side, front and rear extensions:

Elements of Good Extension Design:

- Respect the appearance and character of the house and local area;
- Provide comfortable internal space and useful outside space;
- Do not overlook, overshadow or have an overbearing affect on properties next door;
- Consider the type of extension that is appropriate and how to integrate it; and
- -Incorporate energy efficient measures where possible.

#### Side extensions:

- -Match or complement the style, materials and details of the main house unless there are good architectural reasons for doing otherwise. Where the style and materials do not seamlessly match the main house, it is best to recess a side extension by at least 50cm to mark the change.

  -Leave a gap of at least 1m between the extension and the side party boundary with the adjoining property to avoid creating a terraced effect. A larger gap may be required if that is typical between properties along the street.
- -Match the roof shape and slope of the existing house. In the case of houses with hipped roofs it can be particularly difficult to continue the ridge line and roof shape; however, it is more visually pleasing to do so if this will not result in a terracing effect with the adjoining house.
- -Do not include a flat roof to a prominent extension unless there is good design or an architectural reason for doing so.
- -Do not incorporate blank gable walls where extensions face onto public footpaths and roads.
- -The use of a 'false' roof to hide a flat roofed extension is rarely successful, particularly if visible from the side.
- -Avoid locating unsightly pipework on side elevations that are visible from public view. Consider disguising or recessing the pipework if possible.
- -Extending a hipped roof to the side to create a gabled end or half-hip will rarely be acceptable, particularly if the hipped roof is visually prominent and typical of other houses along the street.
- -Avoid the use of prominent parapet walls to the top of side extensions

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#### For front extensions:

- Keep the extension simple and complementary to the style of the house reflecting the style and details of the main house, e.g., window location, shape, type, proportion and sill details,
- Reflect the roof shape and slope of the main house,
- Try to expose and complement rather than hide or cover original distinctive features or a house such as bay windows,
- Keep front boundary walls or railings particularly if they are characteristic of the street or area,
- Try to maintain a minimum driveway length of 6m,
- Where an integrated garage is to be incorporated into an extension, doors should be recessed by at least 30-50cm from the front wall of the extension and the garage door designed to include vertical elements,
- Avoid extensions that are dominant or over-large in relation to the scale and appearance of the house,
- Avoid excessive use of 'cosmetic' features such as mock classical columns, Spanish arches, decorative lattice, fascia boards, balustrades, stonework, etc., that are not typical of the design of the original house,
- Avoid building an extension more than 1.5m in front of the existing front wall of the house if there is a regular building line along the street

#### **Relevant Government Guidelines**

Project Ireland 2040 National Planning Framework, Government of Ireland, 2018 Regional, Spatial & Economic Strategy 2019 - 2031, Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly, 2019.

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

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

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, (2008).

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

Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland – Guidance for Planning Authorities, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, 2009.

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#### **Assessment**

The main issues for assessment relate to:

- Zoning and Council policy;
- Visual and Residential Amenity;
- Services and Drainage;
- Environmental Impact Assessment; and
- Appropriate Assessment.

#### **Zoning and Council Policy**

The proposed development is consistent in principle with zoning objective RES – '*To protect and/or improve residential amenity*'. New residential extensions to existing dwellings are permissible in principle under this zoning objective, subject to their being in accordance with the relevant provisions of the South Dublin County Council House Extension Design Guide 2010.

#### Council Policy

In accordance with 12.4.2 Green Infrastructure and Development Management. Applications for extensions or single houses will also require the submission of a GI Infrastructure Plan which may be incorporated into the proposed landscape plan. It states "Applications for extensions or single houses will also require the submission of a GI Infrastructure Plan which may be incorporated into the proposed landscape plan. This should clearly incorporate GI elements and provide links to local 'Stepping-Stones', Cores and Corridors where appropriate. Some smaller scale development may require more detailed GI Infrastructure Plans. Depending on location and context of the site, this will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

Regardless of development size or type, applicants must submit an overall site summary quantifying and detailing the following:

- tree and hedgerow removal;
- tree and hedgerow retention;
- new tree and hedgerow planting.

This information will be submitted in a digital format agreed with the Council to allow amalgamation and reporting on tree and hedgerow cover within the County over time".

It is noted that in this instance, the majority of the proposed development would take place at first floor, above an existing garage. A small amount would take place at ground floor, but this would be in the existing driveway and would not impact any green areas or GI features.

The subject application provides for a relatively small increase in the footprint of the subject house on an established suburban residential site. The site is located within a Primary GI Corridor as identified in the Green Infrastructure Strategy Map (Figure 4.4) and Table 4.1. It is noted that the application does not include SuDS measures. Having regard to the location of the site within a Primary Corridor, the extent of private amenity grassland, the scale of the footprint

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increases and the lack of provision of SuDS measures, it is considered that the subject development has not incorporated Green Infrastructure and would therefore not be in accordance with Policy Objectives GI1 Objective 4, GI4 Objective 1, GI2 Objective 4 and Section 12.4.2 of the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022 – 2028. The applicant should be requested, by way of condition, to include SuDS as part of the proposed development.

#### Visual and Residential Amenity

First Floor extension over existing single storey structure to side and a two storey extension to front of existing dwelling.

The element above the existing garage would extend the existing hip to the side and it would not have any impact on residential amenity in terms of overlooking, overbearing or overshadowing. The visual impact would also be in keeping with the main dwelling.

The new two storey element to the front would have eaves to match existing and a front gable would be inserted, the ridge of which would be approx. 1.3m lower than the ridge of the existing dwelling. The fenestration detail would match the existing dwelling. Typically, the planning authority would resist first-floor extensions to the front of dwellings, as such designs can be out of keeping with the prevailing character of an area. That being said, in this instance the receiving context is comprised of a variety of house types/ designs, and it is therefore considered that the proposed alterations would not negatively impact on the character of the surrounding area.

In line with the House Extension Design Guide, proposals should "Avoid building an extension more than 1.5m in front of the existing front wall of the house if there is a regular building line along the street". It is considered that there is a regular building line in this instance. In addition to this, the proposal would be two storey and therefore has more significant impacts than if it was single storey. The proposal would project forward by 1.8m and it is considered that this should be reduced to 1.5m by way of condition.

It is noted from the floorplans that an additional bedroom, ensuite and store would be provided. The bedroom would measure 5.77m x 2.5 (4.27 x 2.5 with the proposed reduction). This gives a minimum floor area of 10.6sq.m. the proposed width and floor area are acceptable for a single bedroom. Over 6m driveway length would remain following the proposed development.

#### **Parks**

The Parks Department has recommended a condition regarding the protection of the street tree during construction; however, it is not considered necessary in this instance.

#### Services and Drainage

Water Services and Irish Water have not provided comments. There are no significant pipes close to the proposed development. Standard Conditions are recommended.

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#### 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 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.

### Screening for Appropriate Assessment

On the basis of the information on file, which is considered adequate to undertake a screening determination and having regard to:

- the nature and scale of the proposed development,
- the intervening land uses and distance from European sites,
- the lack of direct connections with regard to the Source-Pathway-Receptor model,

it is concluded that the proposed development, individually or in-combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on the above listed European sites or any other European site, in view of the said sites' conservation objectives.

An appropriate assessment is not, therefore, required.

#### **Development Contributions**

Residential extension (habitable) 28sq.m No previous extension 40sq.m exemption. Assessable area is nil

#### **SEA** monitoring

Building Use Type Proposed: Residential extension

Floor Area: 28sq.m

Land Type: Brownfield/Urban Consolidation.

Site Area: 0.038 Hectares.

#### **Conclusion**

In conclusion, subject to conditions, it is considered that the proposed extension would, subject to the alterations and other conditions attached herewith, accord with the 'RES' land-use zoning, would not seriously injure the amenities of the area, and would accord with the South Dublin County Development Plan 2016 - 2022 and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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#### **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.

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. Amendments.

Prior to the commencement of development the applicant, owner or developer shall submit the following for the written agreement of the Planning Authority:

Revised plans that incorporate all of the following amendments-

- (a) the two storey extension extends a maximum of 1.5m to the front of the main dwelling. REASON: To protect the amenities of the area and in the interests of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
- 3. (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.

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REASON: To prevent unauthorised development.

- (c) Drainage.
- (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.
- (iv) Water Butts shall be used as part of the proposed development.

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

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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.

#### 4. Drainage - Surface Water.

The disposal of surface water, shall fully comply with all of the technical requirements of the Council's Water Services Section. In this regard, prior to the commencement of development, the applicant/developer shall submit the following for the written agreement of the Planning Authority:

- (a) Fully detailed foul and surface water drainage plans for the proposed development as approved showing location of all manholes, AJs etc located within the site boundary up to and including point of connection to the public sewer that fully accords with the requirements Council's Water Services Section and or Irish Water,
- (b) 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.
- (c) All drainage works for this development shall comply fully with the Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works.
- (d) If a soakaway is required, the soakaway design to be submitted shall be certified to BRE Digest 365 standard by a suitably qualified person carrying professional indemnity insurance and shall include documented evidence of infiltration test results to demonstrate that the soakaway complies with the requirements of BRE Digest 365.

The revised plans shall provide for a soakaway to be located within the curtilage of the property and this shall be:

- (i) at least 5m from any buildings, public sewers or structures and not in such a position that the ground below foundations is likely to be adversely affected.
- (ii) at least 5m from the nearest road boundary and not within 3m of the boundary of the adjoining site.
- (iii) a minimum of 10m from any sewage treatment percolation area.
- (iv) at least 10m from any stream / river / flood plain.

In addition only rainwater shall be discharged to soakaways.

REASON: In the interests of public health, safety, the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and in order to ensure adequate and appropriate surface water

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drainage provision.

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.

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REG. REF. SD22B/0313 LOCATION: 49, Kew Park Avenue, Lucan, Co. Dublin

Sarah Watson, 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: 24/08/2022 Colm Harte,
Senior Executive Planner