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Reg. Reference: SD22B/0437 **Application Date:** 06-Oct-2022
Submission Type: New Application **Registration Date:** 06-Oct-2022

Correspondence Name and Address: Lawrence & Long Architects 13 Fitzwilliam Square,,
Dublin 2.

Proposed Development: Fitting of external insulation and new render to the
external walls, together with the fitting of new triple
glazed windows throughout and minor modifications
to the front facade; Construction of an extension of 9
sq.m which is to be built at first floor level and is to
be set back from the front facade with a new hipped
roof connecting to the main roof, containing a new
bathroom; The construction of a single storey
outbuilding of some 38 sq.m, consisting of a home
office and plant room to be built in the rear garden
positioned along the
northern boundary of the site.

Location: 50, Lucan Heights, Lucan, Dublin

Applicant Name: Michael & Rachel Duncan

Application Type: Permission

(NM)

Description of Site and Surroundings:

Site Area

Stated as 0.0454 Hectares.

Site Description

The application site is located on Lucan Heights, a residential estate off the Lucan Road and close to the N4. The immediate vicinity is characterised by residential dwellings of similar architectural style and a predominantly uniform building line. The subject property is a two-storey semi-detached dwelling with a hip-pitched roof and a garage converted to residential use.

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Proposal:

The development will consist of:

- Fitting of external insulation and new render to the external walls, together with the fitting of new triple glazed windows throughout and minor modifications to the front façade.
- Construction of an extension of 9 sq.m which is to be built at first floor level and is to be set back from the front facade with a new hipped roof connecting to the main roof, containing a new bathroom.
- The construction of a single storey outbuilding of some 38 sq.m, consisting of a home office and plant room to be built in the rear garden positioned along the northern boundary of the site.
- Total area of works 47sqm.

Zoning:

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

Consultations:

Irish Water - No report received at time of writing.

Water Services – No report received at time of writing.

Roads Department – No objections.

Parks Department – No objections or additional comments.

SEA Sensitivity Screening

No overlap with relevant layers.

Submissions/Observations /Representations

None received.

Relevant Planning History

Subject Property

None.

Adjacent sites:

SD21B/0104 - 18, Lucan Heights, Lucan, Co. Dublin – **Permission Granted** for (a) demolition of existing boiler shed to rear; (b) construction of new single storey pitched roof extension to rear; (c) construction of new first floor side extension with extended hip roof over existing side extension; (d) installation of solar PV panels to front pitched roof; (e) internal alterations to floor layouts; (f) all associated site works.

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SD17B/0229 - 72, Lucan Heights, Lucan, Co. Dublin – **Permission Granted** for demolition of existing chimney, garage and part of kitchen (21.84sq.m) to side of the house, construction of two storey extension with pitched roof with the outline of removed piece (41.60sq.m), extension with low pitch roof to rear of the house (10.03sq.m), upgrading all external walls with external insulation finished with render, as well as increasing front site entrance to 4m and ancillary works.

Relevant Enforcement History

s5704 - The widening of the pillars to entrance of dwelling without PP- **Closed**

Pre-Planning Consultation

None.

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 G11: Overarching

G11 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.

GI2 Objective 4: To integrate GI, and include areas to be managed for biodiversity, as an essential component of all new developments in accordance with the requirements set out in Chapter 12: Implementation and Monitoring and the policies and objectives of this chapter.

GI4 Objective 1: To limit surface water run-off from new developments through the use of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) using surface water and nature-based solutions and ensure that SuDS is integrated into all new development in the County and designed in accordance with South Dublin County Council's Sustainable Drainage Explanatory Design and Evaluation Guide, 2022.

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Section 11.2.1 Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS)

Policy IE3: Surface Water and Groundwater

Manage surface water and protect and enhance ground and surface water quality to meet the requirements of the EU Water Framework Directive.

Chapter 12 Implementation and Monitoring

Section 12.5.8 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.

National Guidelines & Policy relevant to Development Management

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

Relevant Government Guidelines

Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas, Department of the Environment 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, (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 Note
- Residential and Visual Amenity
- Drainage
- Roads
- Parks
- Green Infrastructure
- Appropriate Assessment
- Environmental Impact Assessment

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Zoning and Council Policy

A development comprising of the fitting of external insulation and new render to the external walls, construction of a 1st floor extension and single storey outbuilding 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.

Planning Note

It should be noted that the applicant is constructing a ground floor rear extension with a flat roof and parapet with a ridge height of 3.045m totalling 39.3m as exempted development which is therefore not subject to this planning application. The property appears to have had a garage that was converted to residential use previously. It is noted that neither of these element is related to the current application, and neither are required to enable the provision of the proposed extension.

Residential and Visual Amenity

Fitting of external insulation and new render to the external walls, together with the fitting of new triple glazed windows throughout and minor modifications to the front façade

The existing dwelling has a half brick and half concrete render façade. The proposed external insulation will reinstate the existing façade treatments once completed which is **appropriate** and will potentially increase the buildings energy efficiency which is appreciated and consistent with the County Development Plan.

The changes to the windows and minor modifications are not significant in nature as to alter the established architectural design pattern and is therefore acceptable. Overall, the proposed external insulation and façade alterations would not seriously injure the visual or residential amenities of the area and is therefore **acceptable**.

Construction of an extension of 9 sq.m which is to be built at first floor level and is to be set back from the front facade with a new hipped roof connecting to the main roof, containing a new bathroom.

The proposed first floor extension would be located above the existing converted ground floor garage. The proposed development will be set back from the established building line which will be similar to the first-floor extension of the neighbouring dwelling to the west which is **acceptable**. The roof of the proposed extension will have a hip-pitch that matches the angle of the roof of the existing main dwelling which is **appropriate**. The windows of the proposed extension to the northern and southern elevations should be obscured as they lead onto a WC, and this should be confirmed by **condition**.

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The proposed first floor side extension would not result in any significant additional overshadowing or overlooking of the neighbouring dwellings and is therefore acceptable subject to conditions.

The construction of a single storey outbuilding of some 38 sq.m, consisting of a home office and plant room to be built in the rear garden positioned along the northern boundary of the site
The proposed single storey rear outbuilding follows the angle of the rear boundary wall which has resulted in two roof treatments on the same relatively small building with a low-pitched roof to the south and a flat roof to the north. No objection is raised to this element of the proposed development. The applicant has included a relatively large plant room for the proposed development in the context of the overall size and it should be **conditioned** that no foul or water connections are allowed for the proposed home office in order to ensure it is not used as a separate habitable dwelling. There would be 143sqm of rear amenity space remaining which is **appropriate**.

Generally, the proposed rear outbuilding is acceptable subject to conditions.

Drainage

No report was received from Water Services or Irish Water at the time of writing. A **condition** regarding the appropriate treatment of surface water drainage and the provision of Sustainable urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) should be attached in the event of a grant of permission. The proposed development is not located within an unacceptable distance of existing Irish Water infrastructure as per the Irish Water maps.

Roads

The Roads Department have no objections and given that the proposed will not require any changes to the access or egress, this is considered appropriate.

Parks

The Parks Department have no concerns over the proposed development.

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Green Infrastructure

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 not located within a Primary GI Corridor, or a Secondary GI Link as identified in the Green Infrastructure Strategy Map (Figure 4.4 and fully detailed in Appendix 4 of the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028).

Given the size, scale and nature of the proposed development, a full GI assessment for the proposed development is not required.

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 the fitting of external insulation and new render to the external walls, construction of a 1st floor extension and single storey outbuilding.

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 (EIAR)

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.

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Development Contributions

Planning Reference Number	SD22B/0437
Summary of permission granted & relevant notes:	Residential Extension 47sqm –Rear extension 39.3sqm.
Are any exemptions applicable?	Yes
If yes, please specify:	The first 40 square metres of an extension to a house (including garages and conversion of attic to habitable areas) shall be exempt (subsequent extensions or extensions above 40 square metres to be charged at the residential rate per square metre).This exemption will not apply to development for which retention permission is sought.
Is development commercial or residential?	Residential
Standard rate applicable to development:	104.49
% reduction to rate, if applicable (0% if N/A)	0
Rate applicable	€104.49
Area of Development (m2)	47
Amount of Floor area, if any, exempt (m2)	0.7
Total area to which development contribution applies (m2)	46.3
Total development contribution due	€4,837.88

SEA Monitoring Information

Building Use Type Proposed:

Floor Area:

47sqm

Land Type:

Urban Consolidation.

Site Area:

0.0454Hectares.

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Conclusion

Having regard to the provisions of the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 and the overall design and scale of the proposed development, 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.

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) Restriction on Use.

The house and the proposed extension shall be jointly used as a single dwelling unit for residential purposes and shall not be sub-divided or used for any commercial purposes, and the extension shall not be sold, let (including short-term letting), leased or otherwise transferred or conveyed, by way of sale, letting or otherwise save as part of the single dwelling unit.

REASON: To prevent unauthorised development.

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(c) Drainage - Irish Water.

(i) The water supply and drainage infrastructure, shall comply with the requirements of Irish Water.

(ii) There shall be complete separation of the foul and surface water drainage systems, both in respect of installation and use. All new precast surface water manholes shall have a minimum thickness surround of 150mm Concrete Class B.

(iii) All drainage works for this development shall comply fully with the Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works.

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

(d) Minimise Air Blown Dust.

During the construction and or demolition phase of the development, Best Practicable Means shall be employed to minimise air blown dust being emitted from the site. This shall include covering skips and slack-heaps, netting of scaffolding, daily washing down of pavements or other public areas, and any other precautions necessary to prevent dust nuisances. The applicant/developer shall comply with British Standard B.S. 5228 Noise Control on Construction and Open sites and British Standard B.S. 6187 Code of Practice for demolition.

REASON: In the interest of public health and to uphold the Council's policies set out in the South Dublin County Council Development Plan.

(e) Construction Noise and Hours.

To control, limit and prevent the generation of unacceptable levels of Environmental Noise Pollution from occurring during construction activity, Equipment or Machinery (to include pneumatic drills, on-site construction vehicles, generators, etc.) that could give rise to unacceptable levels of noise pollution as set out generally for evening and night-time in S.I. No. 140/2006 - Environmental Noise Regulations 2006 shall only be operated on the site between 7.00 hours and 19.00 hours weekdays and between 9.00 hours and 13.00 hours on Saturdays. No works shall take place at any time on Sundays, Bank Holidays or Public Holidays.

Any construction work outside these hours that could give rise to unacceptable levels of noise pollution shall only be permitted following a written request to the Planning Authority and the subsequent receipt of the written consent of the Planning Authority, having regard to the reasonable justification and circumstances and a commitment to minimise as far as practicable any unacceptable noise outside the hours stated above. In this respect, the applicant or developer shall also comply with BS 5228:2009 Noise and Vibration Control on Construction and Open Sites, and have regard to the World Health Organisation (WHO) – Guidelines for Community Noise (1999).

The applicant or developer shall also endeavour to engage in local consultation in respect of any noise sensitive location within 30 metres of the development as approved prior to construction activity commencing on site. Such noise sensitive locations should be

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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. Amendments - Glazing.

The following amendment to the design shall be carried out:

The windows on the first floor extension on the southern and northern elevations shall be fitted with obscure glazing, and such obscure glazing shall be maintained in perpetuity.

REASON: In the interest of residential amenity.

4. 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) No foul water connection shall be installed and the permitted structure shall not contain a toilet.

REASON: In the interests of proper planning and sustainable development of the area, and to ensure that the structure is not use for seperate habitable accomodation.

5. Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) and Landscaping

The applicant has not proposed any SuDS (Sustainable Drainage Systems) features. Prior to the commencement of development, the applicant shall submit the following:

- a) a drawing in plan and cross sectional views clearly showing proposed Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) features for the development, for the written agreement of the Planning Authority. 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
- Green Roofs
- Rain gardens
- Swales
- Planter Boxes
- Water Butts
- Other such SuDS

REASON: To ensure the adequate provision of SuDS

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6. Financial Contribution.

The developer shall pay to the Planning Authority a financial contribution of €867.26 (Eight hundred and sixty-seven euro and twenty- 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 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.

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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/0437

LOCATION: 50, Lucan Heights, Lucan, Dublin

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: 29/11/22



**Gormla O'Corrain,
Senior Planner**