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Reg. Reference: SD22B/0479 **Application Date:** 02-Nov-2022
Submission Type: New Application **Registration Date:** 02-Nov-2022
Correspondence Name and Address: McKevitt Jing Architects 50, North Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth
Proposed Development: The development will consist of the following 1. Proposed two story Extension to front and side of exiting dwelling including conversion of existing garage. 2. Proposed single story extension to rear of existing dwelling. 3. Alterations to existing elevations and internal layout 4. All associated site works.
Location: 46, Glendoher Drive, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16
Applicant Name: Kevin and Ashling Doherty
Application Type: Permission

(SW)

Description of Site and Surroundings:

Site Area: 0.0325 ha

Site Description:

The site contains a semi-detached property located within a predominantly residential area. There is an existing above garage extension at first floor, to the side, with a significant set back from the front of the property. The property has a side facing gable. There are front and rear amenity areas, with a low wall to the front.

Proposal:

Permission sought for the following:

1. Proposed two story Extension to front and side of exiting dwelling including conversion of existing garage.
1. Proposed single story extension to rear of existing dwelling.
2. Alterations to existing elevations and internal layout
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Zoning:

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

CDP Maps: Bird Hazards, Outer Horizontal Surface (Casement), Approach Surface (Casement), Take off and climb surface (Casement).

Consultations:

Surface Water Drainage – no report received at time of writing.

Irish Water – no report received at time of writing

Roads – no objections, subject to conditions

Submissions/Observations /Representations

None received.

Relevant Planning History

None.

Relevant Enforcement History

None traced.

Pre-Planning Consultation

None.

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.

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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 GII: 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

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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 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.

12.4.3 Riparian Corridors

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

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South Dublin County Council House Extension Design Guide (2010)

The House Extension design guide contains the following guidance on house extensions:

- *Respect the appearance and character of the area;*
- *Provide comfortable internal space and useful outside space;*
- *Do not overlook, overshadow or have an overbearing impact on neighbouring properties;*
- *Conserve water and save energy where possible;*
- *Locate extensions, particularly if higher than one storey, away from neighbouring property boundaries. As a rule of thumb, a separation distance of approximately 1m from a side boundary per 3m of height should be achieved.*

For rear extensions:

- *Match or complement the style, materials and details of the main house unless there are good architectural reasons for doing otherwise.*
- *Match the shape and slope of the roof of the existing house, although flat-roofed single storey extensions may be acceptable if not prominent from a nearby public road or area.*
- *Make sure enough rear garden is retained.*
- *Do not create a higher ridge level than the roof of the main house.*
- *The roofline of large extensions to the rear of single storey bungalows should not be visible from public view to the front or to the side of the bungalow.*

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.*

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- *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*

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

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).

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Assessment

The main issues for assessment relate to the following:

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

Zoning and Council policy

The site is zoned objective RES - 'To protect and/or improve residential amenity.' The principle of the proposed extension is, therefore, considered acceptable.

Residential and Visual Amenity

Proposed two story Extension to front and side of exiting dwelling including conversion of existing garage.

The two storey extension would be contemporary. The House Extension Design Guide suggests a recess where the design is different to the main dwelling. In this instance, the extension is stepped forward and it is considered that this achieves the same impact in terms of distinguishing the extension from the main dwelling. The visual impact is therefore acceptable.

The extension would be set off the boundary with No 44 and would meet the boundary of No 48. It would extend approx. 0.9m to the front of the dwelling. The impact on residential amenity is considered acceptable.

The driveway would be approx. 7m deep following the extension.

Proposed single story extension to rear of existing dwelling.

The single storey rear extension would adjoin No44 and would be set off from the boundary with No48. It would have a height of 3.55m. It is noted that No44 currently has an extension to the rear adjoining the application site and the proposal would only be marginally taller and longer than the existing. The proposal is, therefore, considered to have an acceptable impact on residential amenity. This element is to the rear and there would be no impact on visual amenity.

Sufficient rear amenity space would remain, following the development.

Alterations to existing elevations and internal layout

This includes amendments to the existing first floor development over the garage, resulting in a thicker wall. This would not have any significant impacts.

All associated site works.

It is noted that changes are proposed to the front and rear amenity spaces.

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Services and Drainage

Water Services has not provided a report in relation to the proposed development. It is noted that there are no pipes located close to the areas for development.

The applicant is requested to provide details of SuDS proposed as part of the development via condition.

Roads

The Roads Department has no objections but has noted that the 3d images indicate alterations to the access, whereas the plans do not. A condition is recommended in the event of grant to ensure there are no changes to the access.

Green Infrastructure

The site appears to be located close to or within a number of primary and secondary GI corridors, including, Strategic Corridor 1, DLR GI Corridor 2, L11 and L16.

The subject application results in a small increase in the footprint of the subject house on an established suburban residential site.

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 the applicant has included this detail as part of their layout plan. Some bushes would be removed but noted that mature trees would be retained. Subject to a condition surrounding SuDS, the proposal is considered acceptable.

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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.

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.

Development Contributions

Extension 16.04sq.m

No record or previous extension.

40sq.m exemption.

Assessable area = Nil

SEA monitoring

Building Use Type Proposed: Residential

Floor Area: 16.04sq.m

Land Type: Brownfield/Urban Consolidation.

Site Area: 0.0325 Hectares.

Conclusion

Having regard to the:

- provisions of the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028 and South Dublin County Council House Extension Design Guide (2010),
- the established character of the area, and
- the nature and scale of the proposed development,

it is considered that the proposed development would be in compliance with Council policy in relation to extensions to dwelling houses, 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.

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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. (a) 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.
- (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.
 - (iv) All paving shall be permeable.REASON: In the interests of public health, the proper planning and sustainable

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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 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

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Dublin County Council Development Plan.

3. Development Permitted

Permission is hereby granted solely for the development which is set out in Statutory Public Notices and description of development under Section 9 of the planning application form submitted. No permission is granted for alterations to the access.

REASON: In the interest of clarity, consistency and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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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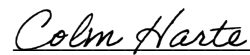
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Sarah Watson
Executive Planner

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: 23/12/2022



Colm Harte,
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