

SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL



INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

Public Realm Planning Report

Development: Relocation of the existing Clondalkin RFC grounds at Gordon Park to new lands at Kingswood Farm, Moneenalion Commons Lower Clondalkin and comprising of 4 new rugby playing pitches, including a high quality main competition pitch (with modern directional floodlighting comprising 18m high floodlighting columns either side) and a high quality Junior pitch both laid approximately level, and two back pitches as well as various grassed rugby training areas all laid on existing land cross fall levels; change of use of existing agricultural shed to accommodate new two storey changing facility and storage areas; a new two storey Clubhouse Pavilion with supporting facilities including dressing rooms, physio rooms, coffee dock, committee rooms, members bar and lounge, plantroom and toilets; all associated site development sustainability and infrastructure work including connection to existing public foul sewer, SUDs, sedum roof and PV roof panels; new landscaping throughout the site comprising trees, hedges and wild flower areas; new cycle track and pedestrian access and stairs off the R136, bicycle shelter, children's playground area, electrical car charging stations, vehicle parking and new vehicle entrance off the Old Country Roadway.

Location: Kingswood Farm, Moneenalion Commons Lower, Clondalkin, Dublin 22

Applicant: Clondalkin Rugby Football Club Ltd.

Reg. Ref: SD22A/0081

Report Date: 18/01/2023

Planning Officer: Ciaran Stanley

Recommendation: Grant with Conditions

The Public Realm Section has assessed the proposed development in accordance with the policies and objectives of the County Development Plan 2022-2028 and with best practice guidelines and recommends the following CONDITIONS be applied:

1. Implementation of Landscape Masterplan

The landscaping scheme shown on drawing No. A.03.06.1 Site Layout Plan and associated plans shall be implemented in full, within the first planting season following completion of the development, in addition:

- a) All hard and soft landscape works shall be completed in full accordance with the submitted Landscape Masterplan (drawing No. A.03.06.1 Site Layout Plan).
- b) All trees, shrubs and hedge plants supplied shall comply with the requirements of BS: 3936, Specification for Nursery Stock. All pre-planting site preparation, planting and post-planting maintenance works shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements of BS : 4428 (1989) Code of Practice for General Landscape Operations (excluding hard surfaces).
- c) All new tree plantings shall be positioned in accordance with the requirements of Table 3 of BS 5837: 2012 "Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction – Recommendations".
- d) Any trees, shrubs or hedges planted in accordance with this condition which are removed, die, become severely damaged or become seriously diseased within three years of planting shall be replaced within the next planting season by trees, shrubs or hedging plants of similar size and species to those originally required to be planted

REASON: To ensure satisfactory landscape treatment of the site which will enhance the character and appearance of the site and the area, in accordance with the policies and objectives contained within the CDP 2022-2028.

2. Retention of Landscape Architect

- i) Prior to the commencement of any permitted development, the developer shall appoint and retain the services of a qualified Landscape Architect (or qualified Landscape Designer) as a Landscape Consultant, throughout the life of the construction works and shall notify the planning authority of that appointment in writing prior to commencement.
- ii) A Practical Completion Certificate is to be signed off by the Landscape Architect when all landscape works are fully completed to the satisfaction of the planning authority in accordance with the permitted landscape proposals.
- iii) Installation of attenuation tree pits shall be supervised by the project landscape architect.

REASON: In the interests of residential and visual amenity and to ensure full and verifiable implementation of the approved landscape design

3. Green Infrastructure Strategy

The submitted Green Infrastructure Strategy prepared by Cummins & Voortman Ltd shall be implemented in full by the applicant.

REASON: In order to ensure the protection and enhancement of Green Infrastructure in the County through the provision of green infrastructure elements as part of the design process in accordance with relevant policies of the CDP 2022-2028.

4. Landscape Management and Maintenance

The submitted Landscape and SUDS Management Plan contained within the submitted Landscape Architects Report shall be implemented in full by the applicant. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the submitted Landscape and SUDS Management Plan. The landscape management plan shall be carried out as approved.

REASON: To provide for the satisfactory future maintenance of this development in the interest of visual amenity.

5. SUDS Implementation

Prior to the occupation of the buildings the submitted SuDS scheme shall be implemented within a timescale to be agreed and approved by the Planning Authority and thereafter managed and maintained in accordance with the approved details and submitted management and maintenance plan.

REASON: To prevent the increased risk of flooding and to improve and protect water quality, in accordance with the policies and objectives contained within the CDP 2022-2028.

6. Ecological Impact Assessment Report

The recommendations and mitigation measures contained within the Ecological Impact Assessment Report prepared by Panther Environmental Solutions shall be implemented in full by the applicant.

REASON: To protect and enhance areas of biodiversity, in accordance with policies relating to Biodiversity within the CDP 2022-2028.

7. Tree Condition

All recommendations of the Arborists report prepared by Veon Ltd shall be implemented. A site meeting between all relevant parties (Arborist, Landscape Architect, Foreman, Parks Dept., possibly Project manager) should be organized before the start of development on site to agree all matters. Only those trees and hedgerows detailed for removal on the Arborists plan, dwg "Tree Protection Plan", submitted to the Planning Authority on 22/12/2022, shall be removed. All remaining trees on the site shall be retained and shall be protected from damage for the duration of the works on site, to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority in accordance with BS 5837: 2012. The cell-web no-dig paths shall be constructed in accordance with the standards in order to prevent damage to trees to

be retained.

All existing trees/hedges to be retained shall be enclosed by stout protective fencing, as per the Arborists report, located at a suitable distance as detailed in BS: 5837 – 2012 - 'Trees in Relation to Construction'. This protective fencing shall be erected before any materials are brought onto site and prior to the commencement of any works associated the proposed development. The protective fencing shall be maintained intact and in good order for the duration of the construction works. Any damage caused to the protective fence shall be repaired immediately.

No materials shall be stored, no rubbish dumped, no fires lit and no buildings erected inside the protective fence(s), nor shall any changes in ground level be made within the fence(s) unless previously agreed in writing by the Planning authority. In the event that trees become damaged or otherwise defective during construction period, South Dublin County Council shall be notified as soon as reasonably practicable and remedial action agreed and implemented at the developers own expense. Any necessary tree felling and surgery works shall be agreed on-site with South Dublin County Council prior to the commencement of the development.

The proposed location of the site compound, and the exact routes of all water mains, foul and surface water sewers shall be marked out on site, and agreed with South Dublin County Council prior to the commencement of any works on site, so as to minimise damage to trees which could result from excavation works, storage of materials and construction of temporary access roadway.

REASON: In the interest of visual amenity and of protection of existing trees and to ensure the continuity of amenity afforded by existing trees.

8. Retain Qualified Arborist

To ensure the protection of trees to be retained within the site, the applicant shall implement all the recommendations pertaining to tree retention, tree protection and tree works, as detailed in Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan, in the submitted tree report. The clearance of any vegetation including trees and scrub shall be carried out outside the bird-breeding season (1st day of March to the 31st day of August inclusive) or as stipulated under the Wildlife Acts 1976 and 2000. The arborist shall carry out a post construction tree survey and assessment on the condition of the retained trees. A completion certificate is to be signed off by the arborist when all permitted development works are completed and in line with the recommendations of the tree report. The certificate shall be submitted to the Public Realm Section (for written agreement) upon completion of the works.

REASON: To ensure and give practical effect to the retention, protection and sustainability of trees during and after construction of the permitted development.

9. Tree Bond

A maximum of two weeks from the date of the Commencement Notice and prior to the commencement of works on site, a Bond or bank draft to the value of €150,802.07 shall be lodged with South Dublin County Council as a security for the protection of the existing trees and hedgerows on site which are to be retained, as per the submitted Arborists Report.

The release of the bond will only be considered:

- i) Upon receipt by SDCC Public Realm Section of a satisfactory post-construction arboricultural assessment, carried out by a qualified arborist and provided that the hedges/trees proposed for retention are alive, in good condition with a useful life expectancy.
- ii) a minimum twelve months after the completion of all site works once it has been ascertained that all trees/hedgerows specified for retention have been preserved in their prior condition and have suffered no damage and the developer has complied with the requirements of the Planning Authority in relation to tree and hedgerow protection.

The Council reserves the right to partially or fully sequester this bond in order to undertake compensatory planting elsewhere in the vicinity of this site, based on the Councils inspection and estimation of the damage caused.

REASON: In the interest of tree protection and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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