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Information

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Proposed Development: Conversion of existing attic space from storage to

domestic accommodation incorporating the raising of the wall plate to the rear of the dwelling to form a flat roof structure replacing the back pitch of the existing

roof.

Location: 1 Tamarisk View, Kilnamanagh, Dublin 24 D24

R6HV

Applicant Name: Brian & Gwen MacLaughlin

Application Type: Permission

(BC)

Description of Site and Surroundings:

Site Area: stated as 0.0183 hectares on application form.

Site Description:

The subject site is located on Tamarisk View residential street in Kilnamanagh. The subject site accommodates a two-storey semi-detached dwelling with a pitched roof profile. The surrounding area is characterised by dwellings of a similar nature and uniform building line. The external finish on the front elevation of the dwelling comprises of red brick at ground floor level with dash on first floor level. Tamarisk View is a residential street with grass verge with mature trees and footpath. Evidence of on street parking exists on the street. Kilnamanagh park which contains green space and playing fields is located to the south of the site. The subject site was formerly a corner site to Kilnamanagh park however, under S01A/0731,a detached two storey residence was constructed to the side of the subject dwelling.

Proposal:

The proposed development consists of Permission for the following:

• Conversion of existing attic space from storage to domestic accommodation incorporating the raising of the wall plate to the rear of the dwelling to form a Flat Roof structure replacing the back pitch of the existing roof.

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Zoning:

The subject site is subject to zoning objective 'RES' - 'To protect and/or improve Residential Amenity', under the South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2022-2028.

Consultations:

Surface Water Drainage - No report received at time of writing.

Roads - No objections.

Parks - No objection subject to conditions.

SEA Sensitivity Screening - Indicates no overlap with relevant environmental layers on SEA mapping tool.

Submissions/Observations / Representations:

Submission expiry date -30/1/2023

No Submissions/observations were received.

Relevant Planning History:

Subject Site:

S00A/0619 - Erect a detached residence to side of existing dwelling.

Grant Outline Permission.

S00A/0618 - Erect a semi-detached residence to side.

Grant Outline Permission.

S01A/0731 - Erect a detached residence to the side.

Grant Permission.

Adjacent sites:

SD19A/0247 - 32, Tamarisk View, Kilnamanagh, Dublin 24 (Opposite end of street, house in side garden)

Two storey three bedroom detached house with attic conversion and dormer window to the rear; solar panels on front roof slope; new entrance and boundary walls and all ancillary works.

Grant Permission.

SD11A/0258 - 40, Tamarisk Heights, Kilnamanagh, Tallaght, Dublin 24 (Street to the rear, corner site)

Demolish existing garage; construct two storey detached house with attic conversion and dormer roof to rear; new entrance and all ancillary works.

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Relevant Enforcement History:

None identified for subject site on APAS.

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Pre-Planning Consultation:

None identified on APAS for subject site.

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).

H13 Objective 5: To ensure that new development in established areas does not unduly impact on the amenities or character of an area.

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.

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.

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.

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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.

The House Extension Design Guide contains the following general guidance on house extensions and specific guidance on attic conversions and dormer windows:

For attic conversions and dormer windows:

- *Use materials to match the existing wall or roof materials of the main house;*
- Meet Building Regulation requirements relating to fire safety and stairs in terms of headroom on stairs and means of escape;
- Locate dormer windows below the ridge of the roof, even if the roof has a shallow pitch;
- Locate dormer windows as far back as possible from the eaves line (at least 3 tile courses);
- Relate dormer windows to the windows below in alignment, proportion and character;
- In the case of a dormer window extension to a hipped roof, ensure it sits below the ridgelines of the existing rood and matches the materials used in the main house.
- Avoid the use of flat-roofed dormer window extensions on houses with hipped rooflines.

Side Extensions:

- 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 creating a terraced effect and awkward join between the rooflines of two adjacent properties if building up to the party boundary.
- 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.

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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'.

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 relate to:

- Zoning and Council policy
- Residential and Visual Amenity
- Services and Drainage
- Green Infrastructure
- Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA)
- Screening for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIAR)

Zoning and Council Policy

The site is located in an area which is zoned 'RES' 'to protect and/or improve residential amenity.' The development that consists of the conversion of existing attic space from storage to domestic accommodation incorporating the raising of the wall plate to the rear of the dwelling to form a flat roof structure replacing the back pitch of the existing roof is permitted in principle subject to its accordance with the relevant provisions in the Development Plan and South Dublin County Council House Extension Design Guide (2010).

Residential and Visual Amenity

The proposal for the subject site involves the attic conversion to the existing dwelling. The proposal involves the removal of the rear roof pitch for the creation of a flat roof dormer type structure across the full width and height of the rear roof section. The rear roof from the pitch height of c7.7m would extend out as a flat roof for c4.2m, where it would meet (at 90 degree angle) the rear elevation element of the structure effectively forming a three storey dwelling on

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the rear elevation. The height of the rear elevation element of the attic structure on the rear pitch would be c2.7m from the existing eaves height. The structure is proposed to contain a c2.95m in length by c2.15m high window in the centre of the rear elevation and house a master bedroom with en-suite and c5.5sqm walk in wardrobe.

The proposed attic conversion and dormer structure which raises the wall plate to the rear of the dwelling is unacceptable in its current form to the planning authority. Section 4 of the House Extension Design Guide states that attic conversions and dormer windows should be:

- Locate dormer windows below the ridge of the roof, even if the roof has a shallow pitch;
- Locate dormer windows as far back as possible from the eaves line (at least 3 tile courses);
- Do not obscure the main ridge and eaves features of the roof, particularly in the case of an extension to the side of a hipped roof.
- Avoid extending the full width of the roof or right up to the gable ends two small dormers on the same elevation can often be a suitable alternative to one large dormer.
- Avoid dormer windows that are over dominant in appearance or give the appearance of a flat roof.

The proposed dormer structure is not located below the ridge of the roof or back from the eaves line of the existing dwelling rather it removes the existing eaves line which is established and consistent along Tamarisk View and the roof pitch to effectively create a three storey flat roofed dwelling when viewed from the rear which is possible from the public street owing to the near corner location of the site. This creates an over dominant effect and renders it inconsistent with the prevailing character of the adjacent streetscape and the visual amenity of the area. The proposal would not be in keeping with policy as stated above and would not be in keeping with the appearance and character of the surrounding dwellings creating an imbalance with the roof profiles with the adjoining dwellings. The design of the structure would also have an overbearing impact on the surrounding dwellings due to the scale and mass of roof amendments proposed. Therefore, it is considered that the attic conversion and dormer structure should be redesigned to incorporate a proposal that is consistent with the guidance issued under Section 4, Attic Conversions and Dormer windows of the House Extension Design Guide 2010. This will allow the development to ensure continuity with the existing roof profile and to allow the proposed development to seamlessly integrate into the existing streetscape. The applicant should be requested to address this by way of submitting **Additional Information**.

In re-designing the proposed dormer, the Applicant should have regard to the location of dormer below the ridge line of the roof profile (by at least 100mm) and at least 3 No. tiles courses above the eaves line and sufficiently set in from the roof edges so as not to obscure the main features of the roof creating an over dominating appearance of the structure.

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Services and Drainage

Regarding surface water drainage and flood risk, the Water Services have not submitted a report at time of writing, however it is deemed that standard water **conditions** can be obtained by condition.

Green Infrastructure

The subject application provides for no increase in the footprint of the subject house but for the conversion of existing attic space and forming a flat roof structure replacing the back pitch of the existing roof on an established suburban residential site. It is noted that the site appears to be located proximate to a Primary GI Corridor, No.2 M50 Corridor 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, it is deemed appropriate in this instance that the development will not result in a significant loss of any grassland or permeable surfaces. In this regard, there would be little impact to the existing green infrastructure network and a limited impact in terms of additional runoff from the site and a full GI assessment and plan for the proposed development is not required.

Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA)

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 conversion of existing attic space from storage to domestic accommodation incorporating the raising of the wall plate to the rear of the dwelling to form a flat roof structure replacing the back pitch of the existing roof.

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.

Screening for 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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SEA Monitoring Information		
Building Use Type Proposed	Floor Area (sq.m)	
Residential – conversion of existing attic space, raising of the wall plate to the rear of the dwelling to form a flat roof structure replacing the back pitch of the existing roof.	30.67sqm	
Land Type	Site Area (Ha.)	
Brownfield/Urban Consolidation	0.0183	

Conclusion

Having regard to the provisions of the South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2022-2028 and the overall design and scale of the development proposed it is considered that, whilst the principle of the proposed development is accepted, significant concerns arise regarding the potential for the proposal to significantly impact the visual and residential amenity of the area and alter the character of the streetscape.

It is therefore considered that the Applicant should be requested by way of **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** to re-design the proposed development to ensure it is in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Recommendation

Request Additional Information.

Additional Information

Additional Information was requested on the 16th February 2023. Additional Information was received on the 9th March 2023.

Additional Information Consultations

Irish Water – No report at time of writing.

Surface Water Drainage - No report at time of writing.

Roads Department - No objection subject to conditions.

Public Realm - No report at time of writing.

Submissions/Observations

No further submissions/observations received.

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Assessment of Additional Information

Item 1 Requested

The Applicant is requested to provide revised plan, sectional and elevational drawings demonstrating:

(i) The re-design of the proposed attic conversion and dormer structure to the rear pitch of the roof.

In re-designing the dormer structure, the Applicant should have regard to the content of the South Dublin County House Extension Design Guide 2010, specifically that the dormer should be located below the ridgeline of the existing dwelling (by at least 100mm) and at least 3 No. tile courses above the eaves line. The re-designed dormer should also avoid extending the full width of the roof or right up to the gable ends of the dwelling and not obscure the main ridge and eaves features of the prevailing roof profile.

Applicant's Response:

The applicant has submitted revised drawings No. 02 Rev A and 01 Rev A. The revised proposal does not propose any alterations to the front elevation or front facing roof profile of the dwelling. A flat roof dormer window structure is proposed to be constructed at attic level altering the rear facing roof slope. The dormer structure would be 5.4m in length across the rear roof and a height of c2.3m. The revised dormer structure would be set in 0.450m from the roof edges and located approximately 3 row of tiles above the eaves line of the dwelling. The structure is proposed to be located below the ridgeline.

The dormer structure would allow for the conversion of the attic to create a Master Bedroom, En-suite and closet with internal roof height of 2.254m.

The proposed materials and finishes of the dormer extension would be slate grey standing seem cladding.

Assessment:

The revised drawings for the rear dormer structure and attic conversion would be in compliance with Section 4, Attic Conversions and Dormer Windows of the South Dublin House Extension Design Guide 2010. The House Extension Design Guide recommends that dormers are set at least 100mm from the ridge of the roof and at least three tile courses from the eaves. The proposed dormer extension would be set down from the roof ridge and would be setback at least three tile courses from the eaves. The revised dormer would be sufficiently set in on the roof edges to define the gable ends of the dwelling and ensuring the dormer appears subservient to the main dwelling, not creating a third storey like element on the rear roof slope which would be in keeping with the prevailing two storey streetscape of the surrounding area.

The attic would be converted to a master bedroom, en-suite and closet. A floor to ceiling height of 2.254m is proposed and therefore would not be considered to be habitable. The applicant will note that if they intend to use the attic space for habitable use, they must ensure that they comply with building control standards. A **note** should be added to this effect.

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The opposing dwellings (No.2 and 4 Tamarisk Heights) are located approx. 24m from the rear elevation on which the dormer would be located. The dormer would not result in any undue adverse impacts on the residential amenity of the adjacent occupiers.

Overall, it is considered that the revised proposal for the attic conversion and dormer window has satisfactorily addressed concerns of the planning authority in relation to the over dominant effect on the streetscape and compliance with Section 4, Attic Conversions and Dormer windows of the House Extension Design Guide 2010. The proposal would not have an adverse impact on the residential and visual amenity of the subject site and adjacent properties and is deemed acceptable.

The roads department have suggested conditions in the event of a grant in permission, however, no changes are proposed to the front of the dwelling or to the access or egress arrangements are not deemed appropriate in this instance.

Development Contributions

Proposed works <u>25.46sqm (non-habitable)</u>

Total Assessable **0sqm**

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Training Reference Furniser	Conversion of existing attic space from
	storage to domestic accommodation
	incorporating the raising of the wall plate to
	the rear of the dwelling to form a flat roof
	structure replacing the back pitch of the
Summary of permission granted &	existing roof.
relevant notes:	Proposed Works – 25.46sqm
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:	119.10
% reduction to rate, if applicable (0% if	
N/A)	0
Rate applicable	€119.10
Area of Development (m2)	25.46
Amount of Floor area, if any, exempt	
(m2)	25.46
Total area to which development	
contribution applies (m2)	0
Total development contribution due	€0.00

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, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would be in compliance with Council policy and would not seriously injure the

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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 to be in accordance with submitted plans and details.

The development shall be carried out and completed in its entirety in accordance with the plans, particulars and specifications lodged with the application, and as amended by Further Information received on 9th March 2023, 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.

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

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- (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 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

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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.

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.

NOTE: The applicant is advised that, in order to use the attic conversion as a habitable room, it must comply with the Building Regulations.

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REG. REF. SD22B/0534 LOCATION: 1 Tamarisk View, Kilnamanagh, Dublin 24 D24 R6HV

Barry Coughlan, Assistant 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: 30/03/2023

Deirdre Kirwan,

Senior Executive Planner