

SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL



INTERNAL MEMORANDUM PUBLIC REALM PLANNING REPORT

Development: Refurbishment and extension of the existing 3 storey building and a Change of Use of the existing building and site from a vacant addiction service facility to a National Ambulance facility. Demolition of a staircase and boiler room (40sq.m) and the removal of an external stair-core, entrance ramp and steps to the north of the building; and the provision of lateral and vertical extensions at ground, first and second floor levels principally comprising a single storey, two-bay ambulance garage, increasing the gross floor area of the building from 943sq.m to 1,420sq.m; the rationalisation of floor space in the existing building; the provision of an external canopy to shelter 14 No. emergency vehicles; the provision of a power washing station towards the south-western corner of the site; ancillary staff car-parking; cycle parking; revised elevational treatments; boundary treatments; hard and soft landscaping; and all associated works above and below ground.

Location: Glen Abbey Complex, Belgard Road, Dublin 24

Applicant: Health Service Executive

Reg. Ref: SD22A/0424 AI

Report Date: 10/05/2023

Planning Officer: Aoife O'Connor Massingham

Recommendation: GRANT WITH CONDITIONS

Statutory Local Policy

South Dublin County Development Plan, 2022-2028

Section 3.3.6 Protection of Trees and Hedgerows

Policy NCBH11

Section 3.4.3 Landscapes

Policy NCBH14

Section 4.0.1 GI and Climate Action

Policy GI1: Overarching

Section 4.2.1. Biodiversity

Policy GI2: Biodiversity

Section 4.2.2. Sustainable Water Management

Policy GI3: Sustainable Water Management

Policy GI4: Sustainable Drainage Systems

POLICY GI5: Climate Resilience

SECTION 4.2.4 Recreation and Amenity (Human Health and Wellbeing)

Policy GI6

Section 4.2.5 Landscape, Natural, Cultural and Built Heritage

Policy GI7

Section 8.7.1 Principles guiding public open space provision

Policy COS5: Parks and Public Open Space – Overarching

Section 8.7.4 Delivery of Public Open Space and Contributions in Lieu

Section 8.7.5 Quality of Public Open Space

Section 8.7.6 Play Facilities

Section 12.4.3 Riparian Corridors

COMMENTS:

In relation to the above proposed development, this section has reviewed the application and has the following comments.

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 Plan

The proposed landscaping scheme shown on submitted Landscape Plan (Dwg. No. (80) 01 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 plans.
- 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. SUDS Management Plan

A comprehensive SUDS Management Plan shall be submitted to demonstrate that the proposed SUDS features have reduced the rate of run off into the existing surface water drainage network. A maintenance plan shall also be included as a demonstration of how the system will function following implementation. Additional natural SUDS features shall be incorporated into the proposed drainage system for the development such as, detention basins, filter drains, swales etc. In addition, the applicant shall provide the following:

- Demonstrate the treatment train, biodiversity value and amenity value of the SUDS proposals for the catchment in the residential areas.
- Demonstrate how the proposed natural SUDS features will be incorporated and work within the drainage design for the proposed development including drainage / attenuation calculations for same.
- The applicant shall show further proposed SuDS features for the development such as green roofs, grass areas, channel rills, swales, permeable paving and other such SuDS and show what attenuation capacity is provided by such SuDS. Bio retention tree pits should be designed so that they enable tree pits to both support healthy tree growth while at the same time to help treat and attenuate water coming from hard landscaping areas.

- Natural Suds measures should be detailed to remove/ reduce the requirement for underground attenuation tanks in line with the development plan objectives.
- Tree Pits to incorporate SuDS bioretention features and sufficient growing medium. SuDS details need to show how the water drains from the road/pavement hard surface into the SUDS tree pit, clearly outlining how SuDS features within the tree pits will function. The applicant is requested to refer to the recently published 'SDCC Sustainable Drainage Explanatory, Design and Evaluation Guide 2022' for acceptable SUDS tree pit details.

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

3. SuDS Implementation

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.

REASON: To prevent the increased risk of flooding and to improve and protect water quality, in accordance with POLICY GI4: SUSTAINABLE DRAINAGE SYSTEMS of the CDP 2022-2028.

4. Green Infrastructure and Green Space Factor (GSF)

The applicant shall submit the following information relation to Green Infrastructure in accordance with the quoted policies and sections of the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022 - 2028:

- (a) To demonstrate how they intend to reduce fragmentation of existing green infrastructure. The applicant should provide a green infrastructure plan showing connections through the site and connections to wider GI network.
- (b) To demonstrate how the appropriate Green Space Factor (GSF) will be achieved for the relevant land use zoning objective.

REASON: In the interests of the amenity and environmental quality of the locality and to assimilate the development into its surroundings, in accordance with policy GI5 Objective 4 and other relevant policies relating to GI within the CDP 2022-2028.

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