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**NOTIFICATION OF DECISION TO REFUSE PERMISSION
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (as amended) AND
PLANNING REGULATIONS THEREUNDER**

Decision Order No.	1249	Date of Decision	18-Oct-2023
Register Reference	SD23A/0204	Date	24-Aug-2023

Applicant: Alan Merriman (Chairman)

Development: Construction of a new all-weather pitch complete with perimeter fencing and floodlights and all associated site works.

Location: Tallaght Town AFC, Carolan Park, Ballmena Lane, Kiltipper, Tallaght, Dublin 24

Time extension(s) up to and including:

Additional Information Requested/Received: /

Clarification of Additional Information Requested/Received: /

DECISION: Pursuant to the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), dated as above a decision to **REFUSE PERMISSION** is hereby made for the said development for the reason(s) set out on the Schedule hereto.

REASON(S)

1. The proposals and in particular the proposed floodlighting may have serious adverse effects on the bat population in the vicinity of the site and the Planning Authority notes bats are protected under the EU Habitats Directive. Although the submitted bat survey includes mitigation measures to reduce light impact around the car park, the submitted measures do not overcome the Planning Authority's concerns in this regard and these include the effect of flood lighting directly into a dark zone at the periphery of the Dublin Mountains. In addition, the proposed development would set an undesirable precedent for other similar developments in this sensitive area, which would in themselves and cumulatively, be harmful to bats and therefore contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

2. The proposed development is located in the Athgoe and Saggart Hills landscape area, which has been designated under the South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2022 - 2028 following a Landscape Character Assessment of South Dublin County undertaken in 2021 as an area with a medium to high landscape value and sensitivity and a Landscape Capacity which is negligible to low; meaning that the key characteristics of the landscape are highly vulnerable to development and that development would result in a significant change in landscape character and should be avoided if possible. Any increase in development in this area would have a negative impact on both the landscape value and sensitivity of this area, and would therefore materially contravene the South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2022 - 2028 Policy NCBH14: 'Preserve and enhance the character of the County's landscapes, particularly areas that have been deemed to have a medium to high Landscape Value or medium to high Landscape Sensitivity and to ensure that landscape considerations are an important factor in the management of development. Intensive floodlighting at this location would be visible from a significant distance and intrusive in the landscape, thus the proposed development would contravene the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Please note that upon receipt of this document you are obliged to remove the planning site notice in compliance with Article 20 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). Please note that any valid submissions or observations received in accordance with the provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), have been considered in the determination of this application.

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Signed on behalf of the South Dublin County Council.

Yours faithfully,

Pamela Hughes 19-Oct-2023
for **Senior Planner**

NOTES

(A) REFUND OF FEES SUBMITTED WITH A PLANNING APPLICATION

Provision is made for a partial refund of fees in the case of certain repeat applications submitted within a period of twelve months where the full standard fee was paid in respect of the first application and where both applications related to developments of the same character or description and to the same site. An application for a refund must be made in writing to the Planning Authority and received by them within a period of two months beginning on the date of the Planning Authority's decision on the second application. For full details of fees, refunds and exemptions the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 should be consulted.

(A) APPEALS

1. An appeal against the decision may be made to An Bord Pleanála. The applicant or ANY OTHER PERSON who made submissions or observations to the Local Authority may appeal within FOUR WEEKS beginning on the date of this decision. (N.B. Not the date on which the decision is sent or received).
1. Every appeal must be made in writing and must state the subject matter and full grounds of appeal. It must be fully complete from the start. In the case of a third party appeal it must be accompanied by the acknowledgement by the Planning Authority of receipt of the submissions/observations. Appeals should be sent to:
 2. The Secretary, An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.
 3. An Appeal lodged by an applicant/ agent or by a third party with An Bord Pleanála will be invalid unless accompanied by the prescribed fee. A schedule of fees is at 7 below.
 4. A party to an appeal making a request to An Bord Pleanála for an Oral Hearing of an appeal must, in addition to the prescribed fee, pay to An Bord Pleanála a further fee (see 7 (g) below).
 5. A person who is not a party to an appeal must pay a fee to An Bord Pleanála when making submissions or observations to An Bord Pleanála in relation to an appeal.
 6. If the Council makes a decision to grant permission/grant permission consequent on a grant of outline permission and there is no appeal to An Bord Pleanála against this decision, PERMISSION/PERMISSION CONSEQUENT ON A GRANT OF OUTLINE PERMISSION will be granted by the Council as soon as may be after the expiration of the period for the taking of such an appeal. If any appeal made in accordance with the Acts has been withdrawn, the Council will grant the PERMISSION/PERMISSION CONSEQUENT ON A GRANT OF OUTLINE PERMISSION/RETENTION as soon as may be after the withdrawal.
7. Fees payable to An Bord Pleanála from 10th December 2007 are as follows:

- (a) Appeal against a decision of a Planning Authority on a planning application relating to commercial development made by the person by whom the planning application was made. where the application relates to unauthorised development€4.500.00 or €9.000 if an E.I.A.R. is involved
- (b) Appeal against a decision of a planning authority on a planning application relating to commercial development made by the person by whom the planning application was made. other than an appeal mentioned at (a)..... €1.500.00 or €3,000.00 if an E.I.A.R. is involved
- (c) Appeal made by the person by whom the planning application was made, where the application relates to unauthorised development other than an appeal mentioned at (a) or (b)€660.00
- (d) Appeal other than an appeal mentioned at (a), (b), (c) or (f)€220.00
- (e) Application for leave to appeal.....€110.00
- (f) Appeal following a grant of leave to appeal€110.00
- (g) Referral€220.00
- (h) Reduced fee (payable by specified bodies).....€110.00
- (i) Submission or observations (by observer).....€50.00
- (j) Request from a party for an Oral Hearing€50.00

If in doubt regarding any of the above appeal matters, you should contact An Bord Pleanála for clarification at

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