

**Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016**  
**Planning and Development (Strategic Housing Development) Regulations 2017**

**Notice of Strategic Housing Development**  
**Application to An Bord Pleanála**

Bellmount Developments Limited intend to apply to An Bord Pleanála for planning permission for a strategic housing development at The Former Finbarr Galvin Motor Dealership, Fronting on to Victoria Cross Road and Orchard Road, Bishopstown, Cork.

The development will consist of:

1. The demolition of existing structures on site; and
2. The construction of 78 no. student accommodation apartments (ranging in size from single bed studio apartments to 8-bed apartments) comprising a total of 206 no. bed spaces in 1 no. 6 storey block;
3. Student amenity facilities including a study area, games room, lounge space, laundry room and server/ICT room;
4. The provision of landscaping and amenity areas including a courtyard space (including modifications to the external amenity area of the student accommodation scheme permitted under An Bord Pleanála Ref. ABP-306714-20), 1 no. rooftop terrace and a riverfront amenity incorporating a pedestrian and cycle path accessing onto Ashbrook Heights and Orchard Road;
5. The provision of a set down area, 1 no. access point (for emergency vehicles only), footpaths and repositioned pedestrian crossing and associated tactile paving on Orchard Road;
6. The provision of a new junction build out at the junction of Orchard Road and Victoria Cross Road;
7. The provision of footpaths and landscaped areas along Victoria Cross Road; and
8. All associated ancillary development including pedestrian/cyclist facilities, lighting, drainage, boundary treatments, bin and bicycle storage and plant at ground and roof top levels.

A Natura Impact Statement has been prepared in respect of the proposed development.

The application contains a statement indicating why permission should be granted for the proposed development, having regard to a consideration specified in section 37(2)(b) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, notwithstanding that the proposed development materially contravenes a relevant development plan or local area plan other than in relation to the zoning of the land.

The application together with the Natura Impact Statement may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, during public opening hours at the offices of An Bord Pleanála and Cork City Council. The application may also be inspected online at the following website set up by the applicant: [www.victoriacrossroad.ie](http://www.victoriacrossroad.ie)

Any person may, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by An Bord Pleanála of the application and on payment of the prescribed fee of €20 (except for certain prescribed bodies), make a submission or observations in writing to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 or online at [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie), relating to the implications of the proposed development, if carried out, for proper planning and sustainable development in the area or areas concerned, and the likely effects on the environment or the likely effects on a European site, as the case may be, of the proposed development, if carried out. Submissions or observations duly made will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in making a decision on the application. Such submissions or observations must also include the following information:

- (a) the name of the person, authority or body making the submission or observations, the name of the person, if any, acting on behalf of that person, authority or body, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent,
- (b) the subject matter of the submission or observations, and
- (c) the reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observations is or are based.

An Bord Pleanála may grant permission for the strategic housing development as proposed or may grant permission subject to such modifications as it specifies in its decision, or may grant permission in part only, with or without any other modifications it may specify in its decision or may refuse to grant permission for the proposed development. An Bord Pleanála may attach to a grant of permission such conditions as it considers appropriate.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Housing Development Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100).

Signed:



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Date of erection of site notice: **04<sup>th</sup> August 2022**