

DRAFT DIRECTION IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 31
OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (as amended)
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan 2022-2028

“Development Plan” means the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan 2022-2028

“Planning Authority” means Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

WHEREAS the powers and duties of the Minister for the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), other than the power to prosecute an offence, have been delegated to the Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage pursuant to the Housing, Local Government and Heritage (Delegation of Ministerial Functions) Order 2020 (S.I. 559 of 2020).

WHEREAS the Minister of State at the Department of the Housing, Local Government and Heritage in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 31 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) ("the Act"), and consequent to a recommendation made to him by the Office of the Planning Regulator under section 31AM(8) of the Act hereby directs as follows:

This Direction may be cited as the Planning and Development (Dún Laoghaire- Rathdown County Development Plan 2022-2028) Direction 2022.

The Planning Authority is hereby directed to take the following steps:

a. Delete the following provisions from the adopted Development Plan:

- (i) the 0/0 zone objective, including symbol and boundary of objective area from maps 3, 4, 7 and 10;
- (ii) the text '*No increase in the number of buildings permissible*' and associated symbols from maps 1-14;
- (iii) the policy section on '*Notable Character Area Exclusions*' under section 4.3.1; and
- (iv) policy section 12.3.8.8 0/0 Zone.

b. Delete the following text after the first paragraph of section 12.3.3 *Quantitative Standards for All Residential Development* from the adopted Development Plan:

"That the requirement for certain percentages of 3-bed units in apartments shall apply to Build To Rent developments to accord with mix on page 233".

STATEMENT OF REASONS

- I. The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as made is inconsistent with national and regional policy objectives specified in the National Planning Framework (the NPF) and the Eastern and Midlands Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (the RSES), including national policy objectives NPO 3b, NPO 11 and NPO 35 of the NPF, and with regional policy objectives RPO 3.2 and RPO 4.3 of the RSES, relating to the implementation of compact growth and the intensification of development on infill/brownfield lands, contrary to s. 10(1A) of the Act. Further, the Development Plan as made would undermine the Development Plan core strategy and other objectives that promote compact and infill growth and the alignment with high quality public transport systems (Objectives CS11, PHP18, and T1 of the Development Plan).

Moreover, the 0/0 zone objective for significant parts of Killiney and Dalkey is not considered to be necessary or reasonable having regard to the comprehensive

provisions within the Development Plan for the protection of the heritage, character and amenities of the planning authority's functional area. It is further considered that the 0/0 objective is disproportionate, especially in the context of SLO 130/MA296.

The Development Plan as made is inconsistent with Ministerial Guidelines issued under Section 28 of the Act to which s. 28(1C) applies, specifically Specific Planning Policy Requirement SPPR 8(i) contained in the *Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments, Guidelines for Planning Authorities* (2020) and the requirement for the planning authority to comply with the aforementioned Specific Planning Policy Requirements under section 28(1C) and 12(18), in the performance of its functions.

- II. In circumstances where the Development Plan as made is inconsistent with the requirements of the NPF and the RSES, contrary to s. 10(1A) of the Act, and would undermine the Development Plan Core Strategy and other objectives promoting compact and infill growth and the alignment with public transport systems, and is inconsistent with an SPPR, contrary to s. 28(1C) of the Act, the Development Plan fails to set out an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

- III. The Development Plan has therefore not been made in a manner consistent with the recommendations of the Office of the Planning Regulator under Section 31 AM and fails to set out an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

GIVEN under my hand,

Minister for Local Government and Planning

Day of Month, year.