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## Planning & Property Development Department

## A GUIDE TO LODGING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

## APPLICANT’S GUIDANCE CHECKLIST

## You are advised to complete and submit this checklist in conjunction with your planning application form.

# It is important to note that this is for information purposes and is not a definitive checklist. The onus remains with the applicant to ensure that applications are in full accordance with the **Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (As amended)**. Dublin City Council reserves the right to declare an application invalid if all the requirements of the regulations are not complied with.

**September 2025**

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| **Planning and Development Act 2000 (As amended)** |  |
| Section |  |  |
| **37 (5)** | **Is there a current appeal to An Bord Pleanala on the same site for similar development?** |  |
| Yes/No |
|  | If yes, application is invalid under Section 37(5) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 |  |
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| **Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (As amended)** |  |
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| . | **NEWSPAPER NOTICE** |  |
| **Article No** |  |  |
| **17(1)(a)** | Published within 2 weeks prior to lodgement (day 1 being date of publication) |  |
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| **18(2)(a)** | In an approved Newspaper  |  |
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| **18(1)** | Heading is “Dublin City Council ” |  |
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| **18(1)(a)** | Full Name of Applicant included (Initials not acceptable) |  |
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| **18(1)(b)** | Full Address included (including buildings on corners) road names if corner site and all road names affected by the development. Address should include either townland or postcode. |  |
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| **18(1)(c)** | Type of application included  |  |
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| **18(1)(d)** | Brief description of the nature and extent of the development\* |  |
|  | **\***Examples for description of development* Demolition of…..
* Construction of / Change of use from…(state use)
* Number of storeys - all floors to be counted including ground floor and any set back floor

 (e.g. ground floor with three storey over plus penthouse should be described as a “5 storey building consisting of ...”)* Consisting of…..
* Total number of houses, apartments, units….(please ensure completed at question 12 also)
* Breakdown of units, apartment type and mix (no. of bedrooms per unit)
* Number and location of car or cycle spaces;
* All exits and access [roads to be named];
* Balconies (for new houses/ domestic extensions), terraces, roof gardens/terraces, dormers (including position / location)
* Position of development or extension i.e. rear/side or front;
* Is development [e.g. house/houses] attached, detached, semi-detached, terraced…

Alterations to a previously granted permission shall be fully described and include previous planning application no. (relevant drawings for previously approved plan to be submitted – see Technical Checklist)* Vehicular access, access points, number of car parking spaces, cycle spaces (see page 8 for further details)

***Please note this is not an exhaustive list*** |
| **18(1)(d)(i)** | No. of Houses/Units to be provided, if applicable |  |
| **18(1)(d)(ii)** | State Retention Permission, if applicable |  |
| **18(1)(d)(iii)** | State protected structure, if applicable |  |
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| **18(1)(d)(iv** | State Integrated pollution Control License/Waste License, if applicable |  |
| **18(1)(d)(v)** |  State if application relates to a development in a Strategic Development Zone, if applicable  |  |
| **18(1)(e)** | State *“The planning application may be inspected, or purchased* ***at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy****, at the offices of Dublin City Council* ***during its******public opening hours*** *and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.”* |  |
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| **98(a)** | State Environmental Impact Statement, if applicable |  |
| **98(b)** | State: Environmental Impact Statement available for inspection/purchase etc. |  |
| **Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (As amended)** |  |
|  | **SITE NOTICE** |  |
| **Article No.** |  |  |
| **17(1)(b)** | Erected within 2 weeks prior to lodgement (day 1 being date site notice is put in place) |  |
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| **19(4)** | Yellow site notice – valid application made within 6 months of date of application of previous application |  |
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| **19(1)(a)** | Heading is “Dublin City Council SITE NOTICE” |  |
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| **19(1)(a)** | Full Name of Applicant (Initials not acceptable) |  |
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| **19(1)(a)** | Full Address; including postal code; road names if corner site and all road names affected by the development |  |
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| **19(1)(a)** | Type of application |  |
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| **19(1)(a)** | A brief description of the nature and extent of development (newspaper notice, site notice and description on application form to correspond – see notes at newspaper notice page 2) |  |
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| **19(1)(a** | State Retention Permission (if applicable) |  |
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| **19(1)(a** | State protected structure if applicable (10 copies of all plans, photos, documents etc.) |  |
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| **19(1)(a)** | State Integrated pollution Control License/Waste License, if applicable |  |
| **19(1)(a)** | State if application relates to development consisting of provisions of, or modifications to an establishment within the meaning of Part 11 of these Regulations (Major Accidents Directive), if applicable. |  |
| **19(1)(a)** | State if the application relates to a proposed development with an SDZ Planning Scheme Area. |  |
| **19(1)(a)** | State Environmental Impact Statement or Natura Impact Statement , if applicable. EIS available for inspection/purchase etc. |  |
|  | *See link to National Parks & Wildlife Services map -* [NPWS Designations Viewer (arcgis.com)](https://dahg.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=8f7060450de3485fa1c1085536d477ba) |  |
| **19(1)(a)** | State: Environmental Impact Statement available for inspection/purchase etc. |  |
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| **19(1)(a)** | State *“The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy ,at the offices of Dublin City Council* ***during its public opening hours****. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee (€20.00) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application. The planning authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.”* |  |
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| **19(1)(a)** | Signed by Applicant or Signed by Agent with Contact Address. |  |
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| **19(1)(a)** | State date of erection of site notice |  |
| **19(1)(b)** | The information must be inscribed or printed in indelible ink on a white background,affixed on rigid, durable material and secured against damage from bad weather and other causes. |  |
|  | **APPLICATION FORM -- GENERAL CONTENT** |  |
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|  | Details on form agree with public notices (see above) . |  |
| **22(1)** | Planning application form: All questions on the application form must be answered in full |  |
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|  | NB Question 12 must correspond with newspaper and site notices i.e.Total number of houses, apartments, units….. |  |
|  | Is application exempt from Planning Fees (If yes, please state grounds for exemption) |  |
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| **23(2)** | State if **PROTECTED STRUCTURE** and/or is located within **Architectural Conservation****Area**, if applicable |  |

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| **Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (As amended)** |  |
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| **Article No.** | **DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED****All reports, drawings to be collated sets** |  |
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| **22(2)(a)** | 1 x page of newspaper |  |
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| **22(2)(a)**  | 1 x copy of site notice |  |
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| **22(2)(e)** | New Housing – **one** of the following shall be submitted:* Where Section 96 of Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) applies the following shall be included, for example,
1. details of such part or parts of the land which is subject to the application for permission or is or are specified by the Part V agreement, or houses situated on such aforementioned land or elsewhere in the planning authority's functional area proposed to be transferred to the planning authority, or details of houses situated on such aforementioned land or elsewhere in the planning authority's functional area proposed to be leased to the planning authority, or details of any combination of the foregoing, and
2. details of the calculations and methodology for calculating values of land, site costs, normal construction and development costs and profit on those costs and other related costs such as an appropriate share of any common development works as required to comply with the provisions in Part V of the Act”
* 1 x Social Housing Exemption Certificate or;
* 1 x Social Housing Exemption Certificate application accompanied by a **statutory declaration** and 2 Site Location Maps (Scale of 1:1000), or
* Where Section 96(13) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) applies, details indicating the basis on which Section 96(13) is considered to apply to the development should be submitted i.e. by reason of conversion or re-construction to create residential dwellings.
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| **22(2)(g)** | Legal Interest stated – **Letter of Consent submitted where applicant is not legal owner of the land or structure concerned. Letter and deed of probate/appointment required where necessary** |  |
| **22(2)(h)** | The appropriate fee. |   |
|  | If application is for **OUTLINE** permission, ensure the application is ***not*** for any of the following: |  |
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| **21(b)** | * Protected Structure
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| **21(a)**  | * Retention of development.
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| **21(c)** | * Requires IPC/Waste Licence
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| **134** | * Relates to Major Accident Directive
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|  | **TECHNICAL CHECKLIST****All reports, drawings to be collated sets****Facial Images of natural people are not to be used with any reports or drawings submitted as part of a planning application. If facial images have been generated using artificial intelligence a disclaimer should state- “Disclaimer – Facial images have been generated by means of Artificial Intelligence.”** |  |
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| **22(2)(b)** | Location map to a scale of not less than 1:1000 with **entire** site boundary outlined in **red** and any land that adjoins, abuts or adjacent to and is in applicants ownership outlined in **blue** – wayleaves outlined in **yellow** |  |
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| **23(1)(g)** | Ordnance survey based plans or maps contain relevant O. S. sheet number |  |
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| **22(2)(b)(iv)** | **Position of Site Notice to marked on all 6 (or 10) copies of Site Location Map (1:1000**) |  |
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| **23(1)(a)** | Site plan/block plan/layout plan to a scale not less than 1:500 |  |
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| **23(1)(a)** | Site plan: **entire** site boundary delineated in red |  |
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| **23(1)(a)** | Site plan to show any buildings, roads, boundaries etc. adjoining or in vicinity of the subject site |  |
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| **23(1)(c)** | Site plan and other plans indicating contours and/or levels where applicable |  |
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| **23(1)(f)** | Site and layout plans indicate the distances of any structure from the boundaries of the site |  |
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| **23(1)(e)** | Proposed and existing structures clearly distinguished (if previously approved application referenced in public notices drawings must be submitted clearly stating previously approved drawings and planning reference no.) |  |
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| **23(1)(b)** | Other plans, including elevations and sections, drawn to a scale of not less than 1:200 (or agreed scale) |  |
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| **23(1)(f)**  | Existing and proposed plans and drawings of floor plans,elevations (*all sides)* and sections shall indicate in figures the principal dimensions (including overall height) |  |
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| **23(1)(h)** | North point shown on all site and floor plans and drawings (other than elevations and sections)  |  |  |
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| **23(1)(d)**  | Elevation drawings showing proposed structure and (*full)* contiguous building to the proposed on site or in the vicinity at a scale of not less than 1:200 |  |
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| **22(A)** | Drawing indicating part of site to be taken in charge by Dublin City Council (if applicable) |  |
|  | **Alterations to a previously granted permission relevant drawings to be included and clearly state previously approved / plan reference number** |  |
|  | **FINAL CHECKS** |  |
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|  | Is an Environmental Impact Statement required? | **Yes/No** |
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| **23(2)** | Does the development involve a **Protected Structure** or works within the curtilage of a **Protected Structure**?If yes, application to be accompanied by Conservation Method Statement and photographs, plans etc., as necessary to show the affect of development on the character of the structure.NOTE: 10 copies of drawings, statements, photos, etc are required for applications involving works to a Protected Structure or within the curtilage of a Protected Structure.Velux windows to existing roof of Protected Structure must be stated in newspaper and site notices. | **Yes/No** |
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|  | **Public Notices compared to Plans**: Are all the works indicated on the plans/drawings described in full in the public notices | **Yes/No** |
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| **Signed:**  |  | **Date:** |  |
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**PLANNING APPLICATION FEES**

Below are the planning application fees, as set by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, under 13 Classes. Generally speaking, the maximum planning fee is €38,000, or in the case of retention, €125,000. The minimum fee payable is €34. The fee for an outline application is ¾ of the full fee, subject to the minimum fee for that class. The maximum fee for outline permission is €28,500.

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| Class No and Description  | **Amount of fee** | *Amount of fee for retention permission* |
|  | Provision of dwelling House or Apartment | €65 per unit | €195 or € 2.50 per square metre of gross floor space, whichever is greater |
|  | Domestic extension/other improvements  | €34 | €102 or € 2.50 per square metre of gross floor space, whichever is greater |
|  | Provision of agricultural buildings or structures for keeping greyhounds (see Regulations.)  | Minimum €80 | See Regulations |
|  | Other buildings (i.e. offices, commercial etc.)  | €3.60 per sq. metre of gross floor space or part thereof (minimum €80) | €10.80(minimum €240) |
|  | Use of land (intensive agriculture, afforestation, forest replacement, peat extraction) see Regulations.  | €5 per hectare | €15 per hectare |
|  | Use of land (mining, deposit or waste)  | €50 per 0.1 hectare or part thereof(minimum €500) | €150 (minimum €1,500) |
|  | Use of land (camping, parking of motor vehicles, open storage of motor vehicles)  | €50 per 0.1 hectare or part thereof(minimum € 80) | €150 (minimum €240) |
|  | Provision of plant/machinery/tank or other structure for storage purposes.  | €50 per 0.1 hectare or part thereof(minimum €200) | €150 (minimum €600) |
|  | Advertising structure  | €20 per sq. metre or part thereof (minimum €80) | €60 (minimum €240) |
|  | Electricity transmission lines  | €50 per 1,000 metres(minimum €80) | €150 (minimum €240) |
|  | Use of land as golf or pitch & putt course  | €50 per hectare | €10  |
|  | Use of lands as a burial ground | €50 per hectare(minimum € 200) | €150(minimum €600) |
|  | Development not coming within any of the above classes | €80 or €10 per 0.1 hectare, whichever is greater | €240 or €30 per 0.1 hectare, whichever is greater |

# **LIST OF APPROVED NEWSPAPERS**

The newspapers listed below are approved newspapers in respect of all planning applications in the Dublin City functional area.

Dublin Gazette (City Edition) Sunday Business Post

Irish Daily Mail Sunday Independent

Irish Daily Mirror Sunday Times

Irish Examiner Sunday World

Irish Independent The Echo Group (for addresses in area circulated)

Irish Mail on Sunday The Herald

Irish People The Irish Sun

Irish Sunday Mirror The Northside & Southside News

Irish Times The Star

Local News South, North and West

Northside People East & West editions (for addresses in area circulated)

Southside People (for addresses in area circulated)

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the selected newspaper is circulated within the area to which the application relates.

**Important Note**

A development contribution condition (required under Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) will be attached to all grants of permission, where applicable. Please refer to [www.dublincity.ie](http://www.dublincity.ie) for the most recent development contribution rates.

Vehicular Access Planning Permission and Retention Permission Requirements

**NEWSPAPER NOTICE AND SITE NOTICE**

Newspaper notice and site notice must state:

* Permission for New vehicular access OR vehicular entrance OR vehicular entrance to be widened.
* Retention Permission for existing vehicular access OR vehicular entrance to be widened

The word Dishing is not required or valid as part of the newspaper notice or site notice.

**DRAWINGS REQUIRED**

* OSI map at a scale not less than 1:1000, site notice located and north point in correct direction. Site boundary shall be outlined in red and lands in ownership in blue, wayleaves to be outlined in yellow.
* Site plan must be drawn to scale not less than 1:500 with key dimensions and a north point in correct direction. Site boundary shall be outlined in red.
* Existing and proposed plans, existing and proposed (*full)* contiguous elevations to scale not less than 1:200,with key dimensions and a north point in correct direction.
* Scale and title of drawing must be stated on all drawings.
* We require **six copies/10 copies (if Protected Structure)** of all drawings and drawings to be in sets.

**Please note** a fee for dishing of footpath for works to be completed is required by road maintenance. Contact telephone number 01 222 2255.

Email address roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

If there is a tree and/or grass margin present. Parks and Landscape Services should be contacted at parks@dublincity.ie to arrange an inspection.



Planning & Property Development Department

How to make a Valid Planning Application under the

Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (As amended)

EXPLANATORY NOTES

**Disclaimer**

This leaflet is intended for guidance purposes and does not purport to be a legal interpretation of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (As amended)

 If you are in any doubt about any aspect of lodging a planning application, you should consult the regulations or you can contact the Registry Section, Planning Department at Tel. 222 2149

#### August 2025

INTRODUCTION

The Planning Department is obliged to examine every new planning application to ensure that it is in accordance with the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (As amended).

If a planning application does not comply with all the requirements as set out in this document, then the Planning Department will have no choice but to declare the application invalid and return it to the applicant.

There is no provision in the regulations to allow the Planning Department to request new or revised newspaper/site notices or to request any details that were not included in the application.

Any application which includes new houses or apartments must either be accompanied by details of how the applicant will comply with Part V of the Planning Act 2000 (as amended) or by a certificate of exemption from the provisions of Part V. If neither of these is lodged with the application, then the application will be declared invalid and returned.

The purpose of this document is to assist applicants to lodge a valid planning application. It is divided under headings as follows -

* Newspaper Notice
* Site Notice
* Content of Planning Applications Generally
* Drawings Required
* Fees Due
* Approved List of Newspapers

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING PLANNING APPLICATION FORM**

The following are the requirements that are needed to lodge a valid planning application under the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (As amended).

## NEWSPAPER NOTICE

The newspaper notice shall be published in a newspaper (see list of approved newspapers below) within a period of two weeks prior to the lodgement of the application and must state -

* “Dublin City Council” as its heading
* Name of Applicant
* Address / location of the land or structure
* Whether the application is for:
	+ - Permission
		- Permission for retention
		- Outline permission
		- Permission on foot of outline permission – stating reference number of outline permission
* Nature and extent of development, including number of houses (if applicable). Where application is for alterations or modifications to a previously approved application, the previous planning application number shall be stated (not the decision order no.).
* Where application is for retention of a structure, the nature of the proposed use of the structure and, where appropriate, the period for which it is proposed to retain the structure
* Where application relates to carrying out of work to a protected structure or proposed protected structure, an indication of that fact
* If development applied for requires an integrated pollution control license or

waste license, this must be stated in the newspaper notice.

* State application relates to development in a Strategic Development Zone, if applicable
* The planning application may be inspected, or purchased **at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy**, at the offices of the planning authority during its **public opening hours** and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

## SITE NOTICE

* Site Notice must be erected not more than two weeks prior to lodgement and must state all of the same information re: proposed works, as appears in the newspaper notice, including the fact that the application will be available for inspection and/or purchased during public opening hours and submissions/observations may be made in writing within 5 weeks of lodgement of application.
* The site notice must be signed by the applicant or else signed by the applicant’s agent with a contact address.
* The site notice must state the date on which it is erected.
* The information must be inscribed or printed in indelible ink on a **white background**, affixed on rigid, durable material and secured against damage from bad weather and other causes.
* Notice must be securely erected or fixed in a conspicuous position on or near the main entrance of the land or structure from the public road, or where there is more than one entrance from public roads, on or near all such entrances.
* Notice must be visible and persons using the public road, and not obscured or concealed at any time.
* Where a second Valid application is made within 6 months of previous application, the site notice on the second application must be inscribed on a **yellow background.**
* If an application has been submitted and then Withdrawn before being declared Valid/Invalid, it is still considered a live application, and therefore the site notice again must be a **yellow background**.
* Where an application has been submitted and declared Invalid, if a subsequent application is made within 6 months, the site notice must be on a **white background**.
* Site notice must be kept in place for 5 weeks from date of lodgement of application and must be renewed or replaced if it becomes defaced or illegible
* It is advised that a site notice be printed on material A4 in size and should be at a height of not more than 1.5 metres.

## CONTENT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS GENERALLY

### Any planning application lodged must contain the following information –

* That the application is for permission / retention / outline / permission on foot of outline. If the application is for permission on foot of outline, then the plan number of the outline permission to be stated.
* Name and address, telephone number, and e-mail address (if any) of the applicant and of any person acting on their behalf
* Address to which correspondence relating to the application is to be sent
* Where the applicant is a company, names of the directors of the company and address and registration number of the company.
* Address / location of the development
* Applicant’s legal interest in the proposed development site must be stated. **Where applicant is not the legal owner of the land or structure concerned , the written consent of the owner to make the application.**
* State the area of land to which the application relates,
* Where the application is for buildings, state the gross floor space of any existing

buildings and of proposed buildings. In the case of a housing development, the number of houses.

* State if the proposed development requires an Integrated Pollution Control License.
* State application relates to development in a Strategic Development Zone,

 if applicable.

* State if the application involves work to a protected structure or proposed

 protected structure.

* If Development is of a type and size to which Part V applies details as to how

 the applicant will comply with Section 96 of the Planning and Development Act 2000

 (as amended).

* It is the policy of Dublin City Council (*Appendix 9 Development Plan 2022-2028*), that a Basement Impact Assessment (BIA) shall accompany all planning applications that include a basement.

## DRAWINGS REQUIRED

* Where an application consists mainly of development or retention of development, **six copies/10 copies (if Protected Structure)** of site/layout plans, floor plans, elevation and sections that describe the development. All plans etc. must be in metric scale
* Position of site notice shall be indicated on all 6/10 copies of the Site Location

 Map (Scale of 1:1000)

* Where application is mainly for change of use (or retention of change of use), a statement of the existing use and of the proposed use together with particulars of the nature and extent of the proposed use. Any development included in a change of use application must also be accompanied by six copies of drawings, as stated above.
* Location map scale **1:1000**. Site shall be outlined in **red** and lands in ownership in **blue**, wayleaves to be outlined in **yellow**
* Site and layout plans must be drawn to scale not less that 1:500 (scale must be stated on drawing) and must show site boundary in red and all roads, buildings and other features on or adjoining the site.
* Other plans, elevations and sections to scale not less than **1:200** (scale must be stated on drawing) unless different scale agreed with Dublin City Council
* Site layout plan to show levels or contours***.***
* Elevation drawings to show main features of adjoining buildings front and rear as applicable
* Plans showing reconstruction, alteration or extension to a structure shall be so coloured to distinguish between existing and proposed or they may be shown separately. All room dimensions to be shown in new build or dimensions of a typical apartment type where there are a large no of apartments.
* Floor plans, elevations and sections to show in figures the dimensions (including overall height) of any proposed structures. Site / layout plans to show distances of structures to boundaries of site.
* North point to be indicated on all maps (except elevations and sections) & any map based on Ordnance Survey map to state O.S. sheet number
* **Alterations to a previously granted permission relevant drawings to be included and clearly state previously approved / plan reference number**
* If any part to the development site is to be ‘Taken in Charge’ by Dublin City Council, a map indicating this part of the site shall be submitted.

### Any planning application lodged must be accompanied by –

* Completed Planning Application Form.
* Full page of the newspaper containing planning notice & a copy of the site notice erected on site.
* **6 (10 copies if Protected Structure)** of the relevant plans/drawings.
* The appropriate fee.
* Application for Social Housing Exemption Certificate or details of how the applicant intends to comply with Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) – if applicable.
* An application for any work to a protected structure or any property in an Architectural Conservation area must by accompanied by such photographs, plans or other particulars as are necessary to show how the development would affect the character of the structure.