

An Bord Pleanála re SHD 313220

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I am writing to STRONGLY object to the Hammerson-Allianz SHD 313220 development . I have reviewed the plans, attended public meetings and spoken to friends and neighbours. To think a development of this scale should go ahead is mind boggling for numerous reasons. Hammerson's total lack of engagement and lack of vision for the village of Dundrum shows a huge degree of condescension and total disregard to the people of Dundrum and to what the village means to us.

This development is a material contravention of the DLR development plan. It ignores many of the facets of zoning in the area and the Special Local Objectives set out for the protection of Dundrum Village.

The sheer size and scale of this development is monstrous. A concrete jungle, as far as the eye can see, obscuring the skyline, casting a huge oppressive shadow over the area. It is grossly out of proportion with what is in the area.

The development has paid scant attention to the needs of its proposed renters and the local people of Dundrum. A 95% residential development leaves little room for employment, cultural, civic and community facilities which need and must be included. Those amenities proposed are totally inadequate.

There is a proposed bridge to link the apartments to the green outside Sweetmount Park. The residents of Sweetmount Park are vehemently opposed to it. It will bring an increase in antisocial behaviour, increased crime with home and car break-ins and the park being destroyed with litter. It is of no benefit, only to Hammerson who can claim to their renters that they have access to a green area.

This is not sustainable development. It is not 'green'. In our current climate crisis, we need to think of the present and the future. No consideration has been made here. The demands on water/electricity/sewage/waste disposal/transport facilities, the list goes on... We need to think of the environment and plan accordingly.

Several of the buildings on the Main Street are of cultural, architectural and historical value. These need to be conserved.

I am trying not to get too emotional writing this objection but it is very difficult. This is our village and we live here. We will have to wake up everyday and be crushed by the immense scale of what is built beside us. Hammerson did not engage at all with the people of Dundrum, the people who live here and will have to live with the destruction of our village for their financial gain. An Bord Pleanála must reject this proposal and review the County Development Plan sent in by the Council.

For so many reasons, on so many levels this development 313220 must be denied.

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