

# Observation on a Strategic Housing Development application

#### Observer's details

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If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

(a) Observer's name

Síobhra Rush

**(b)** Observer's postal address

10 Nowlan Avenue, Mount Albion, Churchtown, D14W0F3

## Agent's details

#### 2. Agent's details (if applicable)

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.

If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

Click or tap here to enter text.

**(b)** Agent's postal address

Click or tap here to enter text.

## **Postal address for letters**

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	items to you <b>or</b> to your agent. For this <b>current application</b> , who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only)  You (the observer) at the The agent at the postal						
	postal address in Part 1 address in Part 2						
etails about the proposed development							
4.	Please provide details about the <b>current application</b> you wish to make an observation on.						
(a)	An Bord Pleanála case number for the current application (if available)						
	(for example: 300000)						
	313220						
(b)	Name or description of proposed development						
	Dundrum Retail Limited Partnership						
(c)	Location of proposed development						
	(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)						
	Old Dundrum Shopping Centre						

During the process to decide the application, we will post information and

#### **Observation details**

#### 5. Grounds

Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below. There is **no word** limit as the box expands to fit what you write. You can also insert photographs or images in this box.

(See part 6 – Supporting materials for more information.)

This development follows very quickly after completion of apartment blocks in the old site at Notre Dame School, which has already put traffic and local amenities under significant pressure.

While the Old Town Centre does need rejuvenation, Dundrum and its surrounding areas does not have sufficient infrastructure to cope with 881 new homes and the increase in population that this will bring. Luas services are already packed in both directions every morning, it is unsafe to cycle through many parts of Dundrum.

What does "significant new public realm" even mean?

The development is not compliant with the land use zoning for the Town Centre which requires a mix of uses. This proposal has 95% residential use, and virtually no other uses. Curtyard gardens would be completely insufficient for public open space.

Five storey high buildings would completely destroy the historic value that Dundrum village carries. Some of the current buildings are designated as an Architectural conservation area, and would be destroyed.

The proposal is completely insufficient in terms of community facilities/spaces and services.

The overall height of the development would also completely block the light for many of the houses on the Sweetmount side of the Dundrum by-pass. It would also be extremely overbearing for the remaining properties.

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# **Supporting materials**

- **6.** If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation. Supporting materials include:
  - photographs,
  - plans,
  - surveys,
  - drawings,
  - digital videos or DVDs,
  - technical guidance, or
  - other supporting materials.

If your supporting materials are physical objects, **you must send** them together with your observation by post or deliver it in person to our office. You cannot use the online uploader facility.

**Remember**: You can insert photographs and similar items in part 5 of this form – Observation details

#### Fee

You must make sure that the correct fee is included with your observation.

#### **Observers (except prescribed bodies)**

- strategic housing observation only is €20.
- strategic housing observation and oral hearing request is €70

# **Oral hearing request**

8.	If you wish to request the Board to hold an oral hearing, please tick the "Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing" box below.			
	Please note you will have to pay the correct <b>additional non-refundable fee</b> to request an oral hearing. You can find information on how to make this request on our website or by contacting us.			
	If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the "No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing" box.			
	Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing			
	No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing			

# Final steps before you send us your observation

- 9. If you are sending us your observation using the online uploader facility, remember to save this document as a Microsoft Word document or a PDF and title it with:
  - the case number and your name, or
  - the name and location of the development and your name.

If you are sending your observation to us by post or delivering in person, remember to print off all the pages of this document and send it to us.

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