

## **Objection Document for 313220 to An Bord Pleanála**

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We as a family and wider family and neighbours, are shocked and upset at the proposed planning for Dundrum Village and are submitting a strong objection to the development reference number: 313220, Old Dundrum Shopping Centre, Main Street, Dundrum, Dublin 14.

Dundrum Village is a beautiful old historic village and one of the few South Dublin preserved villages so we do not want the historic buildings in Dundrum, our village, touched, altered, removed, sunlight blocked by tall buildings in any way.

What we need is a place, we the community of Dundrum, can gather, to host events, a place where we can meet with friends, family and neighbours outside, at different types of events - we need a plaza, a public square, like what we see in Spain and Italy that can be used to sit and have a coffee, host a farmer's market, host our Dundrum Festival, a place for local artists to host their work, a multifunctional space. An open space, space to breathe, not congested buildings without quality of living considered - people need a beautiful public square, where we can admire the history of our village and enjoy the future events that can be hosted there.

Hammerson-Allianz plans for Dundrum Village arrogantly has not engaged with the Dundrum Community and timed their submission entry for during the easter holidays when most people are away and lodged just before the coming into force of the new Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Development Plan 2022-28 and in the absence of the long-awaited Local Area Plan for Dundrum, both of which contain strong protections for Dundrum Village.

Their proposed height and density 'design' of 5 storey buildings are so out of character with no regard for the character of the historic village look, it's outrageous. The proposed destruction of the Dundrum Main Street, west, is in opposition to the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Development Plan so should not be granted.

The loss of SME's on the street does not make sense, with only residential proposed development is going backwards in planning rather than offering future better design planning. It looks like a lazy submission from the developer with no regard for the area, no knowledge of the village and the surrounding area AND ignoring the County Development Plan.

How can this provide the level of retail and non-residential provision appropriate to the long-standing Major Town Centre zoning of the Village, and the "civic, cultural and community " facilities, spaces and services called for in the County Development Plan?

Over the last five years the community of Dundrum has come together to propose a future vision of Dundrum in 'Imagine Dundrum' [www.imaginedundrum.ie](http://www.imaginedundrum.ie), please take a look at this as a lot of work has gone in to this and detailing what we want for our area, not what some developer thinks we should have. With the pressure of housing requirements you, the decision makers, may feel under pressure to agree, but please take time to read our, the Community of Dundrum Village, the citizens, our vision of what WE want, on our website, not some developer.

Thank you and regards,  
Theresa, James and Lisa Gaffney.