

16 Bridgeview Heights  
Old Whitechurch Road  
Cork.

August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

To Whom it may Concern,

On behalf of myself and my family, I wish to formally object to planning being granted under the SHD scheme. The proposed development is located adjacent to the Old Whitechurch Road in Kilbarry and includes 319 homes, a crèche and riverside park. The proposed dwellings consist of 85 semi-detached houses, 118 terraced homes, 53 duplex units and 63 apartments. Ref <http://kilbarryshd.ie/>

The grounds for my objections are as follows;

1. The size, scale and density of the proposed development is way too big for this area, the Apartment blocks and duplex units are completely at odds with rest of the houses in this area which are largely bungalows and one storey dwellings. The photograph imagery shown in the information pack confirms this, beautiful trees and countryside and then apartment blocks sticking out like an eyesore, why can't the development consist of houses which allow for a far higher standard of living for residents and would be consistent with the current environment.
2. The infrastructure for the proposed development is completely unsuitable in its current state. The road leading to this development has a low bridge so this means that all construction traffic will have to pass through residential areas creating an unacceptable risk to those living in the area. In the immediate 2km radius of this proposed development we currently have 4 other developments underway these developments will add a further 4,000 units many of which will lead onto the same road (Old Whitechurch Road.) There is only a very narrow footpath on one side of this road, no cycle lane, no bus comes up that road either so residents have no other option but to drive. As it is traffic gathers at the end of the hill & is completely congested at peak times from the Blackpool retail park, right up the road. If every new house planned for the area has only one car this will cause major traffic issues for current and new residents. We have previously highlighted this through meetings between our Residents Association and the City Council and we have received no further updates or communication but we were simply informed at the time there was no budget for infrastructure, this is poor planning policy and completely unacceptable to me after purchasing my home and paying a considerable mortgage repayment.

Your Sincerely,

Ms Carol Casey

