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To An Bord Pleanála.

I have lived in the Whitehall / Santry area for the last 75 years and have watched various developments take place over the years not all that suitable and now I see a major housing development is planned at the Swords road / Santry Avenue junction.

Santry village infrastructure has not changed to any degree in my time, from the flyover to Santry Avenue only minimal road changes have taken place however on to this small stretch of road traffic from  
Shanowen Road, / Ave / Park / Drive, Oldtown Ave / Drive  
Shanliss road, / Walk / Drive / Ave / Grove  
Santry Way  
Shanard Ave / Road  
Shanowen Grove / Road / Park / Hall  
Shangan Rd / Ave / Gdns / Grove / Crescent / Green / Drive  
Santry Close / Villas  
Shanvarna Road  
Lorcan Road / Drive  
Majenta Hall / Crescent. Schoolhouse Lane / Burnside

These are most of the old Residencies. Now, we add in all the later Residencies.  
Oak Park / Green / Lawn, / Grove / Drive

Up in Northwood there are: Apartments

Lymewood Mews / The Beechs / The Alders / Carrington Park /  
The Elms / Parklands / Templecourt

Then in Gullivers we have: Apartments  
Cedars / Cedars View / Blackwood Square / Bridgefield / Little Harvard

Future on down we have Swiss Cottage Apartments / Santry Place Apartments  
Due are: Omni Apartments

We also on Shanowen Road have a large amount of Apartments under construction at the moment.

These are about 80% of the population who are been squeezed onto the same stretch of road that existed for the last 50 years

At the moment there is a rat run down and up Lorcan Road and Lorcan Drive as people try to avoid the traffic lights on Swords road. Our Bus service is under

intense pressure to cope at the moment what will it be like with all the extra people who will need public transport when schools reopen and when Covid restrictions are lifted.

All this has a knock on effect further on down the line.

Traffic from :Coolock, Beaumont, Whitehall, Santry all link up at the Collins Ave / Swords Road crossing and form a huge backlog of traffic which continues as far as Clonliffe Road before it starts to thin out.

Ballymun flats were demolished for many reasons one of them been the area without the proper infrastructure was too densely populated, therefore, moving the intense population from one end of Santry Avenue to the other is no answer.

I would appeal to you to send someone with expertise in traffic density out of the office and go and visually see the volume of traffic that is there at present and than in a couple of weeks when schools and colleges are back to check again and see the problem that people trying to get to work and people of my age have trying to get to hospital appointments on public transport, appointment times which are set by the hospitals. This highlights the huge problem that Dublin Fire Brigade and the Ambulance Service face when an emergency call has to be answered if someone has a heart attack or sudden illness, road or construction accident, fire, we should **never** forget what happened at **Grenfell**. Looking at plans only from the comfort of the office does not tell the true story.

I will just briefly touch on the stress that parents face trying to get children to school and than they are trying to battle traffic to get to their own employment. If we are to cope with increased population apart from the traffic concerns we must also think of our young children and our youth and give them proper and sufficient facilities that they can partake in and enjoy, it will be most unfair, unkind and unhealthy to expect them to stay in an apartment in their free time.

Please be guided by past mistakes, as I outlined we have enough problems at the moment to sort out, please do not exacerbate the problem by granting planning permission to this project but understand our existing problems and reject the application.

At present since the opening of the Swiss Cottage apartments it has become a regular occurrence for cars to park on the footpath at the apartments sometimes blocking the ramps specifically designed to assist wheelchair users and people with prams or buggies. I know this is not your problem but it illustrates that at present there is not sufficient car parking spots, without new developments adding to the problem

Yours Truly

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