

Observation Document

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The Santry area is in need of a well-considered, long-term development plan that supports the development of residential units that is in keeping with the existing character of this long-established area. In the absence of such a plan, we will continue to see applications, like this one, which do not support the goals of sustainable community development, availability of appropriate housing, availability of essential services, and availability of appropriate infrastructure.

In essence, Santry is not a suitable location for high rise living particularly when the application in question includes heights of up to 14 storeys. A simple observation of existing developments in the area, which unfortunately received approval (Santry Place, The Swiss Cottage) show how such developments are out of sync with the area and completely change, negatively, the character and aesthetic of a long-established residential area like Santry. The site in question would be suitable for the development of a residential area comprising of houses and not high rise apartments.

From a mobility perspective, the proposed number of car parking spaces signals that the already compromised infrastructure will be further compromised and lead to increased traffic congestion. A simple observation of traffic patterns along the Swords Road shows that the existing infrastructure is under immense pressure, which has led to Lorcan Road being used as a rat run, posing a danger to young and old residents and compromising the quality of life of residents in this area.

I implore you to realise the negative consequences of such a development and refuse planning permission.

Regards,

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