

147 Meadow Grove

Dundrum

Dublin 16

To whom it may concern

I have lived in Dundrum for 34 years, and have come to love my village of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I rarely travel to other parts of Dublin county as I feel my village is all encompassing to my needs – banking, health, entertainment, religious and social needs. I live with my teenage daughter and elderly mother who rely on me [REDACTED]. Additionally, I am a patient advocate with a background in psychology. Listening to the views of my close family, friends and neighbours in Dundrum and its environs, has led me to write this letter to highlight concerns and well-founded fears and my strongest objections to the development proposal submitted by Hammerson-Allianz.

1. Main Street, Dundrum, is steeped in history, and a critical factor in the local culture. The proposed demolition of Main Street's historic buildings on this street is a direct affront to the County Development Plan 2022-2028 which designated these buildings as an Architectural Conservation Area.
2. The proposed construction does not blend with this historic character of our village, and is not akin to the architectural scope of our village.
3. Dundrum is in need of civic, cultural and community facilities to serve the current population of Dundrum and its environs.
4. Dundrum is in need of single-sex secondary schools – there are no single-sex secondary schools within walking distance of the village.
5. There is an urgent need for a civic centre – at present there are only religious parish centres that provide opportunities for our elderly population to meet with others, there are only commercial venues for young people to convene. Dundrum is the second major urban centre in the county of Dublin, and yet it remains without a civic centre.
6. While there is a dire housing crisis in our country, nevertheless, the proposed development will not help to alleviate the crisis in any shape or form, as nothing in the proposal states whether these apartments will be available for purchase or rent, and if there is a proportion allocated to social housing. There is no mention of affordability either.
7. Do we have the infrastructure in place for such a large development? I would think not. Our water supply system is already under pressure, our roads around Dundrum are seriously congested at peak shopping times, and the transport system is also under pressure.

So what is the solution? Please consider a development that is sympathetic to our architecture and aligns with our County Development Plan 2022 – 2028, that provides both residential, civic, cultural and community benefits to our village. This development proposal does not meet the needs of Dundrum residents, especially the young and old.

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