

313220 - Observations

APPLICATION FOR STRATEGIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT – STAGE 3 RE: DUNDRUM VILLAGE STRATEGIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, OLD DUNDRUM SHOPPING CENTRE AND OTHER PROPERTIES, MAIN STREET, DUNDRUM, DUBLIN 14. APPLICANT: DUNDRUM RETAIL GP DA

Board Ref. ABP-311553-21

To whom it concerns,

When I first came to live in Dundrum over 40 years ago, it was a delightful rural village with several independent shops where customers were welcomed by name. Among other outlets, the Shopping Centre boasted of a traditional butchers shop and a much loved (and still missed) independent bookshop.

As a result of the development of the now renowned *DD* Shopping Centre the village sadly declined. I wish therefore to register the following observations concerning the extensive redevelopment proposed for Dundrum village Dublin 14 and the site known locally as the Old Shopping Centre.

1. This development of buildings up to 16 stories in height to a bridge across the Dundrum Bypass, is expected to take over eight years to complete, and proposes changes to the streetscape of the village which are completely out of keeping with the character and scale of its existing properties.
2. As well as being too high, the proposed buildings are too close to the street thus preventing any future widening of the footpath and/or road impacting the potential for sensitive regeneration of the Main Street. **Ref:** the DLR County Development Plan (Special Local Objective 149 & 150).
3. The mass and scale of the proposed development will have a significant detrimental affect on the quality of life and wellness of both the local community and its expected inhabitants
4. The lack of any provision for the most basic civic, cultural and community services and spaces is of particular concern. There is a pressing need for a square or plaza for such events as the Dundrum Festival, a weekly Farmers (and other) Market and/or just "*hanging out*" with neighbours and friends amongst trees, trees, trees! Please let us have Trees.

5. The Environmental impact study does not seem to have addressed the pertinent challenge of water supply/pressure.

6. And finally, aesthetically, the proposed buildings are really ugly!

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