

Wyckham Point,  
Wyckham Way,  
Dundrum,  
Dublin 16.

8<sup>th</sup> May 2022

To whom it concerns,

We are keen for development of the Old Village Centre and Dundrum so have been eagerly awaiting to see the proposed plans. It is very rare to get such an exciting opportunity to redevelop such a core aspect of a village for present and future residents while being able to keep the history and style of the village. It was therefore with disappointment we reviewed the current proposals;

- **Up to 16 story high buildings are completely out of character for a suburban village**, considering that at the highest point it is higher than most new building developments in the city centre. Adding to this, buildings 5 storeys high planned along the Main Street, are not in keeping with the historic character, scale and streetscape of Dundrum Village. Together this development will be hugely overbearing and out of keeping with the surrounding suburban environment.
- **Demolishing the historic buildings on Main Street is not in line with the new County Development Plan 2022-2028** which has now designated many of these buildings as an Architectural Conservation Area. The history of these buildings is an important part of Irish history and should be protected and renovated (as shown by Ashgrove Terrace on Main Street, Dundrum) rather than being demolished for the profit of foreign investment funds.
- **Limited provision of retail, entertainment and other essential facilities**, as required by the Major Town Centre zoning on the site. This development will be 95% residential. The reduction in retail units on Main Street will only undermine services for residents, and for surrounding areas, as a real place residents and visitors want to use on a daily place to dine, shop and enjoy the village. The retail sector is an essential part of the Irish economy and a strong retail sector is a key element of the vitality and competitiveness of cities, towns and villages throughout the county and indeed the country as a whole.

We hope you can take these concerns onboard and revisit this proposal to ensure this development is a progressive yet sympathetic plan within our village environment.

Kind regards,

Mr. and Mrs. S Barclay