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Observation details

The proposed development is not in keeping with the character and heritage of Dundrum village as it involves the demolition of some of the historic buildings on Main Street.

It is a material contravention of Strategic Development plan for Dundrum adopted by Dunlaoghaire Rathdown County Council in April 2022 to run until 2028.

The limited provision of retail and entertainment facilities is not in keeping with the Major Town Centre zoning on the site.

The overall height and density of the planned development will be overbearing and will destroy the village that we all love and enjoy today. Main Street will become overshadowed and dark.

The plans do not include any substantial proposals for civic, cultural and community spaces and services which are vital to maintain the sense of community that residents currently enjoy in Dundrum. Dundrum is the second largest town in the county and should be developed as such.

Traffic congestion is already a problem in the area and introducing a further 3000 inhabitants will only exacerbate the already existing congestion.

I and many of my neighbours are experiencing problems with rats under the houses and in the gardens. The current sewerage system cannot cope now and certainly will not cope in the future with the scale of this proposed development.

The Dublin Fire Brigade Service is not equipped or trained to deal with fires in high rise buildings. The tallest ladders at 30m, apart from one in Tara Street, only reach 8 storeys so this could be of vital importance in the event of a fire. The higher the building the longer it takes to bring residents to safety.

On a personal level my husband has a mobility issue due to a long-term progressive illness. I worry that our local much-loved village will no longer be accessible to him when these units bring up to 3000 extra inhabitants.

My biggest concern is to the construction of the proposed bridge linking the site to Sweetmount Park. The residents experienced noise pollution and anti-social behaviour when the temporary bridge was there during the works involved in the Dundrum bypass. We also had an increase in vandalism and robberies. The residents are totally opposed to this proposed bridge.

