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To whom it may concern,

I am a native of Dundrum, born on the main street and living in and around the area ever since.

I am shocked and to be honest very saddened to see the plans to build the apartments blocks in Dundrum.

Dundrum is and always has been a village, while the area itself has grown and been developed over the years including the building of the town centre, it has still maintained it's village 'feel'.

I am aware of the housing crisis and the need for housing but this plan for these buildings are completely out of keeping with the villages historic character and streetscape of Dundrum. With the new 1 way system it will reduce the main street to a mere laneway surrounded by high rise buildings. The village had recently been made one way and tables and chairs put out on the pathways allowing people to once again enjoy the village. This planned development will completely eradicate any hope of the village returning to it's previous vibrancy.

My understanding is that the zoning of this site is a major town centre but this development is 95% residential with limited provision of retail, entertainment and other essential facilities.

There also seems to be no plans for any civic square or plaza, completely taking away from the community's ability to have events such as the Dundrum festival, farmers markets and other community events.

The sheer scale and height of this development will be completely overbearing and as above out of keeping with the local low rise and low density other suburban dwellings.

The Local infrastructure is already under pressure with the Luas coming from Brides Glen already overloaded due to increased developments in Cherrywood, Ballyogan and Leopardstown.

In short, I think this development would ruin any chance Dundrum has of maintaining it's village status and any possibility of it becoming once again a vibrant suburban community.

Yours sincerely
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