

Observation on a Strategic Housing Development application

Observer's details

1. Observer's details (person making the observation)

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

(a) Observer's name

Ronan Rafferty (& family)

(b) Observer's postal address

12 Woodlawn Terrace
Churchtown
D14K0F4

Agent's details

2. Agent's details (if applicable)

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.

If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

Click or tap here to enter text.

(b) Agent's postal
address

Click or tap here to enter text.

Postal address for letters

3. During the process to decide the application, we will post information and items to you **or** to your agent. For this **current application**, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only)

You (the observer) at the postal address in

The agent at the postal address in Part 2

Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the **current application** you wish to make an observation on.

- (a) **An Bord Pleanála case number for the current application (if available)**

313220

- (b) **Name or description of proposed development**

Old Dundrum Shopping Centre, Main Street, Dundrum

- (c) **Location of proposed development**

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

Old Dundrum Shopping Centre, Main Street, Dundrum

Observation details

5. Grounds

Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below. There is **no word** limit as the box expands to fit what you write. You can also insert photographs or images in this box.

(See part 6 – Supporting materials for more information.)

5. Grounds

As a local resident my main concern about the proposed development is that it appears to contravene any notion of Dundrum being a village and a community for the people. I understand the need for more housing, but it seems we don't have a city, or country wide strategy for high density and we are building one off high rise developments rather than concentrating such developments in a particular area as is done in other major cities.

Specific concerns on the proposed development in Dundrum are:

The nature of the development (5 stories on Dundrum main street side) will dwarf the existing shop fronts some of which may be demolished even though they are designated conservation areas in the country development plan.

Lack of public outdoor spaces for community activities, events, markets and lack of retail space (95% residential). Without these, Dundrum can no longer be considered a village.

The overall height of the development and 16 stories in particular will change the landscape of Dundrum and the surrounding area and be an obtrusive overbearing development that will affect those living in the area today.

Thank you for you consideration,
Ronan

Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

If your supporting materials are physical objects, **you must send** them together with your observation by post or deliver it in person to our office.

You cannot use the online uploader facility.

Remember: You can insert photographs and similar items in part 5 of this form – Observation details

Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct fee is included with your observation.

Observers (except prescribed bodies)

- strategic housing observation **only** is €20.
- strategic housing observation **and** oral hearing request is €70

Oral hearing request

8. If you wish to [request the Board to hold an oral hearing](#), please tick the “Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing” box below.

Please note you will have to pay the correct **additional non-refundable fee** to request an oral hearing. You can find information on how to make this request on [our website](#) or by contacting us.

If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the “No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing” box.

Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing

No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing

Final steps before you send us your observation

9. If you are sending us your observation using the online uploader facility, remember to save this document as a Microsoft Word document or a PDF and title it with:

- the case number and your name, or
- the name and location of the development and your name.

If you are sending your observation to us by post or delivering in person, remember to print off all the pages of this document and send it to us.

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