

Observation Dundrum

I am a resident of Dundrum, residing in Mulvey Park, and would like to note my dismay at the current plans for the development of Dundrum village, as outlined by the developers.

In particular, I am concerned about the lack of non-residential facilities or contributions to the community that this kind of very high-density development will present.

The proposed buildings are completely out of keeping with a suburban village. There seems to be little effort to maintain any of the character of the current village or to improve it. The main street undoubtedly needs development, but with the current Dundrum Town Centre already dominating the skyline, another huge development would sound the death knell for the village as a pleasant place to visit. My concern is that the development is simply throwing up apartments to avail of the proximity to the Luas, with little or no regard for the existing residents.

The lack of retail or other amenities means that any surviving ones will likely die off, leaving a desolate locality. The failure to accept the suggestion of a market square is a real lost opportunity.

In general, I am appalled that such a development is being proposed. It might suit a newer location, but the current plans would essentially destroy the character of such an important historic place in Dublin. This is something that I can only voice my very strong objection to.

The proposals for apartment blocks to a height of 8, 12, 16 storeys, again beggars belief. Projects such as these might suit a downtown business district, fitting in with that kind of urban skyline, but not a suburb, overshadowing the surrounding two-storey family homes that are characteristic of Dundrum and Churchtown.

I very much hope An Bord Pleanála will reject planning permission for this proposed development.

Yours sincerely
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