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Dear Mr Teeling

On behalf of Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT), I would like to convey our warm support for the proposed new Cultural Quarter in Parnell Square which we believe will be a catalyst for renewal and growth in the city centre.

The Dublin City Council proposal envisages an imaginative cultural spine linking institutions from IMMA in Kilmainham directly through the city centre via O'Connell Street, up to Parnell Square and terminating in our Grangegorman campus, currently under development. By 2020, the campus will welcome 10,000 students with a further 5,000 joining them the following year. It is a remarkable site, in an historic part of Dublin city centre, and will offer students a transformative educational experience.

As part of the campus development, DIT - soon to become Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin) - is constructing a Creative Hub that will be home to our Conservatory of Music and Drama, School of Media and Dublin School of Creative Arts. As well as spaces for students, there will be public performances and civic engagement activities which DIT enthusiastically supports at all levels.

At the heart of the Dublin City Council proposed cultural spine are the new Library and other public facilities, planned in new and re-imagined buildings on the north of Parnell Square. We believe that our campus and the plans for the Parnell Square Cultural Quarter will complement one another, bringing a new dynamism to the north inner city of Dublin.

We understand that Dublin City Council will lodge a planning application for the proposal before the end of 2018. DIT would like to express our enthusiastic endorsement of the planning application. We look forward to the transformation the development will bring to the City Centre and the access and opportunities it will afford to citizens and visitors alike.

Yours sincerely

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President

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