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Relatives of The Signatories to The 1916 Proclamation.

Observation on proposed Dublin Central Development by Hammerson's and the Dublin Development Plan 2022 - 2028

General Comment

City Planners have granted planning permission to the Hammerson planning applications to proceed with their destruction of this area described by The National Museum as 'the most important historic site in modern Irish history'.

In doing so Planners ignored the call by councillors the elected representatives of the people for the listing of the terrace of buildings that became the last hq of the 1916 Provisional Government.

They did so before crucial survey reports on the buildings were finalised for consideration. They did so in face of opposition from the Department of Housing and Heritage that called for a redesign of the Hammerson plan.

The call by councillors for the listing of the terrace in its entirety has the full support of 1916 relatives and members of the Advisory Group to The Minister and is in line with the recommendations of the City Council Moore Street Advisory Committee chaired by Cllr Nial Ring, The Objectives of The Dublin Development Plan and the Lord Mayor Forum Report - The Lanes of History commissioned by DCC and International Charters on the protection of history and heritage.

Point of Information - Interference in the Planning Process

An allegation is now in the public domain that Moore Street traders were offered compensation payments for disturbance in return for support for the Hammerson applications. These payments were to be paid out of the public purse. If true this was an attempt to undermine and interfere with the independence of the planning process and overturn the vote of councillors to add the buildings in question to the list of protected structures.

All records of meetings on proposed compensation and those in attendance must now be made available so that no cloud of suspicion hangs over innocent members of the Advisory Group who engaged honestly in deliberations and discussions in good faith. It should be noted that relatives believe that no decision should be made by An Bord on the planning applications submitted by Hammerson's until these serious allegations of interference are fully investigated by the proper authorities in the interest of openness and transparency and in the public interest.

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The Dublin Development Plan 2022 - 2028

S 12.5.2 - Cultural hub and Quarters.

The Moore Street area is still intact and in shape and form mirrors how it looked when first laid out. The terrace 1 to 25 and adjacent lanes are still there. A restoration plan is required towards the creation of a 1916 Cultural Historic Quarter rather than another shopping precinct in an area of huge historical significance.

CU 7 - Cultural Clusters

The area is ready made (with restoration) for the creation of a Temple bar style development plan with centres of excellence in music, dance, language with space for artists studios throughout and including retail cafe/restaurant support.

CU 9 – North Inner City

The historic quarter would connect Parnell Square Moore Street forming a circle of history From 1916 - Tom Clarks Shop, O Connell Street, Liberty Hall, Wynns Hotel, the GPO through Moore Street - to The War of Independence - Parnell Square to The Garden of Remembrance to The Pillar Room at The Rotunda.

CU 09

14 to 17 Moore Street

The existing 1916 National Monument cannot stand in isolation. It has to be seen in context in accordance with European best practice and guidelines (The Venice Charter). The story of the evacuation of volunteers from the GPO can best be remembered honoured and explained by presenting the terrace of houses as it appeared to volunteers at the time – as it does today albeit in a dilapidated condition under the neglect of private property developers and State inertia.

CCUV 34 – The Moore Street Market

Successive developers have paid scant regard to the importance of the market in the social history of the City in any of their proposals to date.
A large scale development as proposed will lead to the death knell of Moore Street as a trading street.

Conclusion

The Hammerson applications do not recognise or take on board the findings of the High Court or Court of Appeal that the area in question as the Cradle of the Republic meets the criteria established by the Courts for protection and preservation as a National Monument.

The Hammerson planning applications fail to meet the requirements of the Dublin Development Plan.

The applications represent a commercial approach to the development of 'the most important historic site in modern Irish history' (The National Museum) rather than a conservation/cultural approach drawn up by Sean O Muiri (architect) on behalf of The Moore Street Preservation Trust that has been adopted by relatives as the way forward in the development of this historic site.

Their legal challenge to the democratic decision of Councillors to extend protection to the 1916 terrace of houses that was the last HQ of the Provisional Government shows a breathtaking disregard for the importance of the location of the last stand of the volunteers and where five of the leaders of the Rising spent their last hours of freedom before execution.

For the above reasons and those already submitted to An Bord Pleanála by way of Appeal we urge An Bord to refuse consent for this present application in the National and public interest.

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