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## SECTION 131 FORM

Appeal NO: ABP 312642-22

Defer Re O/H



TO:SEO

Having considered the contents of the submission dated/received 04/03/2022

from

The 1916 GPOGarrison Relatives

I recommend that section 131 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000

be/not be invoked at this stage for the following reason(s): No New planning issuesE.O.: Lisa AnnDate: 16/3/22

To EO: \_\_\_\_\_

Section 131 not to be invoked at this stage. ☐Section 131 to be invoked – allow 2/4 weeks for reply. ☐

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Please prepare BP \_\_\_\_\_ - Section 131 notice enclosing a copy of the attached submission

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Allow 2/3/4 weeks – BP \_\_\_\_\_

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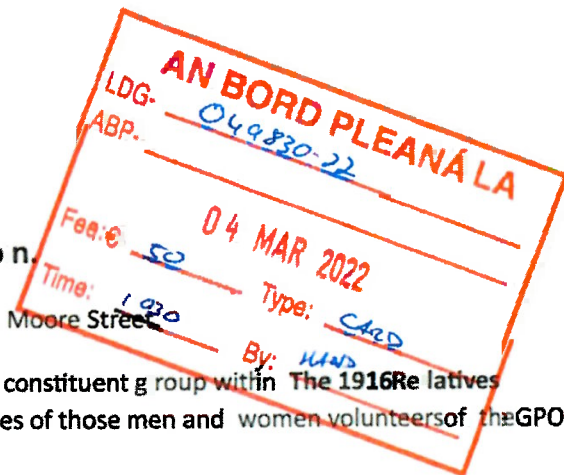
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## THE 1916 GPO GARRISON RELATIVES -

### Affiliated to The 1916 Relatives Association

Observation on planning application Ref. no. 2862/21 Moore Street

**Background:** The 1916 GPO Garrison Relatives are a constituent group within The 1916 Relatives Association and comprise over 1000 registered relatives of those men and women volunteers of the GPO Garrison in The 1916 Rising.



There were three to four hundred members of that Garrison that held the GPO as the Headquarters of The 1916 Provisional Government. Five Signatories to the Proclamation were present in the GPO during the course of Easter Week 1916. Upon evacuation of the GPO through Henry Place numbers 10 to 25 Moore Street became their final headquarters and location of their final meeting. The Signatories spent their last hours of freedom in this terrace before their execution by firing squad.

### Preliminary Point:

#### No's 10 to 25 Moore Street

The GPO Garrison Relatives, in particular, fully support the submission made to the Chairperson of The Moore Street Consultative Group to The Minister by The 1916 Relatives Association in the view 'that its partial destruction removes the footprint that existed 100 years ago and thus renders meaningless the context and setting of The National Monument'.

### Objection

The Garrison Relatives wish to submit our observation to the Hammerson Planning Application

Ref. no 2862/21 on the following grounds:

The applicants plan to alter, interfere and destroy in whole or part the last extant 1916 Battlefield in the City.

The applicants plan to demolish no's 1 to 9 Moore Street, a terrace rebuilt in the immediate aftermath of The Rising in exact form and appearance as it appeared before being destroyed by artillery bombardment in the last hours of The Rising.

The proposed demolition of no's 1 to 9 Moore Street is contrary to the recommendations of the Department of Heritage and Housing who wish to see and have called for these buildings, restored and rebuilt in the aftermath of The Rising, to be added to the list of protected structures.

The applicants plan to redraw the form and line of the terrace of houses that was the last HQ of The 1916 Provisional Government at no's 10 to 25 Moore Street. The elected members of the City Council as the Planning Authority have voted to add this terrace of houses to the list of protected structures. None of these buildings have been subject to an independent expert examination. Dublin City Council has

been denied access to 1916 buildings for survey purposes by the applicants. City planners cannot be expected to consider any application to remove alter or interfere with historic buildings until such time as a full assessment of their architectural and historic value is recorded.

The applicants plan to demolish no' 18 Moore Street having wrongfully claimed that the building is a 'post 1916 structure'. Leading Architect Grainne Shaffrey has identified no' 18 as a pre 1916 structure in a Conservation Report submitted to The Minister under a Ministerial Consent Application. This building has a unique barrel shaped roof - one of the few remaining in the city.

The proposed demolition of the White House in Henry Place and and Bottling Stores on Moore Lane - O Connell Street side - as buildings the preservation of which are of National importance cannot be approved by Planners acting in the public interest or consented to by a Minister as guardian of our history and heritage.

The proposed interference with and loss of fabric at crucial battle points where volunteers fell wounded or were killed in action most notably at Moore Lane, Henry Place and O' Rahilly Parade is a disgraceful insult to the memory of those who paid the ultimate price for volunteering to fight for Irish freedom on these streets and thoroughfares described by former Taoiseach Enda Kenny TD as 'The Lanes of History'. The plan to site an eight storey hotel in these lanes where volunteers and civilians lost their lives is a shameful insult to their memory and should be refused out of hand.

No planning authority acting in the interest of citizens and as protectors of our history and heritage can consent to this application that will destroy, interfere with or alter this sacred ground upon which volunteers fell fighting for the freedom we enjoy today.

This historic area is according to The National Museum of Ireland festooned with Monuments the preservation of which are without a shadow of doubt of National importance and worthy of the highest form of protection that the State can bestow on buildings or structures.

As such the Moore Street area as birthplace of the Republic is a National Monument.

Indeed the High Court held this to be the case in the Judgment of Mr. Justice Max Barrett a Judgment overturned on Appeal on the very narrow ground as to who or what authority can make that finding. The Court of Appeal held that it was entirely a matter for our legislators and not the Courts.

The 1916 GPO Garrison Relatives urge the Planning Authority to refuse consent to this application as contrary to International best practice, the planning and public interest and the accepted International guidelines and charters on the protection of heritage and history.

  
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