

Imagine Dundrum

Our Village, Our Community

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"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about."

Margaret J. Wheatley

Newsletter



Hammerson-Allianz are expected to shortly lodge a Planning Application for a major redevelopment of the Old Shopping Centre in Dundrum Village and their properties on the west side of Main Street (the Church side).

While **no Planning Application has yet been lodged**, the initial proposals envisage 884 apartments, in 11 blocks ranging in height from 5 storeys to 16 storeys, 93% of which would be one or two-bed units in blocks ranging in height from 8 to 11 storeys on the Bypass, 16 storeys at Sweetmount Park and 4/5 storeys on Main Street Dundrum. Existing buildings on Main Street owned by the company are proposed to be replaced with 4/5 storey buildings, with the exception of No's 1-3 Glenville Terrace.

Your chance to help shape Dundrum's future

This redevelopment will shape the future of the Village. Everyone living and working locally needs to be fully informed about the developer's plans. There will be only 5 weeks from the date the Planning Application is lodged for people to make their submissions.

What will Imagine Dundrum do?

We will do our best to ensure that all local people know about what is proposed. **We will invite everyone on our mailing list to public events** where you can learn about the plans and discuss them with others in the community.

Spread the word!

Urge your friends, neighbours and relatives living locally to join our mailing list at www.imaginedundrum.ie/join-our-mailing-list/

Contact your Resident Association Committee and ask them to circulate this newsletter to members.

Come to our public events when advertised

Make your observations on the Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála when the time comes

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An Bord Pleanála gave its Opinion on the initial proposals submitted by Hammerson-Allianz for Dundrum on January 14th last. The company then had 16 weeks to make a formal Planning Application.

The Opinion of ABP: In its summary, An Bord Pleanála says that the

proposals submitted will "require further consideration and amendment to constitute a reasonable basis for an application for strategic housing development."

You can read the full Opinion on our website at: www.imaginedundrum.ie/2022/02/27/dundrum-village-redevelopment-proposals/

Imagine Dundrum's proposals for Dundrum Village

- Protect and secure the heritage buildings and terraces on Main Street.
- Limit building height on Main Street to a maximum of three storeys.
- Make 'living over the shop' a feature of Main Street.
- Ensure places for independent businesses.
- Build a Civic Centre with a modern library, civic offices and community and cultural spaces.
- Affordable homes to buy and rent and homes designed for older people and people with disabilities.
- Apartment blocks on a liveable scale and no more than 8 storeys.
- A boutique hotel.
- High quality public open space, pocket gardens and play spaces.
- An environmentally sound, future proofed neighbourhood.

We have urged Hammerson-Allianz to listen and take on board the views of the Community. We wait...

Read our full proposals at: www.imaginedundrum.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Imagine-Dundrum-Sep-2021.pdf

Meeting local people at Airfield Farmer's Market

Imagine Dundrum was delighted to be given a space at Airfield's wonderful Farmer's Market, which takes place every Friday and Saturday from 9.30am to 2.30pm.

We met lots of people, shared views and ideas about Dundrum and its future, and sold our Main Street: A History of the Heart of Dundrum, by Imagine Dundrum member and local historian John Lennon, which paints a vivid picture of a Village that has grown over four centuries and retained much of its built heritage over that time. And we sold our Dundrum greeting cards showing images of old Dundrum!

Many thanks to Airfield for the opportunity.



The Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Development Plan 2022-2028

The Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Development Plan 2022-2028 has now been adopted. It charts the planning framework for the County for the next 6 years. It contains much of particular interest and value for Dundrum.

Designation of buildings on Main Street as an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA):

A designated Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) aims to identify an area of special character and architectural interest and to preserve that special character. Imagine Dundrum had campaigned for an ACA for key buildings on Main Street and are delighted that this has now happened and is embedded in the new County Development Plan. Read the Conservation Officer's full report at www.dlrccoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/dundrum_character_appraisal_for_proposed_dundrum_aca.pdf



Can you help?

Imagine Dundrum is passionate about the past, present and most particularly the future of Dundrum. We are now entering a most critical phase, as we expect the plans for the redevelopment of the "Old Shopping centre" site to be lodged shortly.

We want to put forward the best case possible for the area to An Bord Pleanála, and to do this we need your financial support. Although we are self-financing apart from specific grants from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, we now have immediate costs arising from engaging the services of an expert planning consultant to help us make our case, and run a public information campaign for the Dundrum community. Please donate whatever you can to Imagine Dundrum through the "DONATE" button on our website.

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