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## **Imagine Dundrum welcomes record number of objections to plans for Dundrum Village**

As announced in the national news today, An Bord Pleanála has received over 700 objections, including 8 from residents' associations and 1 from a primary school, to the Hammerson-Allianz plans for an apartment scheme of over 880 units in Dundrum Village. The plans for this Strategic Housing Development envisage a series of 11 blocks with heights rising from 5 storeys on Main Street to 16 storeys at the north end of the site. ,

Welcoming this news, Anne Colgan, Chair of local community group Imagine Dundrum, said, "this outstanding outcome demonstrates the strength of feeling among local people about the future of their home place, as did the huge turnout at the public meeting we hosted at the end of April. It is a tribute to the hard work of Imagine Dundrum members and many other local individuals and groups whose vision of the future Dundrum is radically different from that offered by the developers. We are grateful to everyone who made the effort to engage with the long and complex planning application and took the time to submit a personal observation."

Noting that the scheme now submitted for planning permission hardly differs from the one presented by Hammerson-Allianz at pre-planning stage, which An Bord Pleanála deemed to require 'further consideration and amendment', she urged the Board to pay close attention to the views of local residents when it reaches its decision on the developer's plans at the end of July.

"Local people want to see the right development in Dundrum, resulting in a thriving, recognisable and liveable urban village which is also the hub of the second major urban centre in the County. Of course we want appropriate housing in the right place, but this is not it! Swamping a historic Village with a huge and characterless apartment scheme both undermines the carefully considered local authority planning framework and dashes the hopes and wishes of the people who live and work in Dundrum and its surrounding area. We hope it will not be allowed to proceed."

Imagine Dundrum's own submission to An Board Pleanála ran to 170 pages, focusing on major issues including: the plans' contravention of the County Council's Major Town Centre zoning and specific requirements of the County Development Plan; the developer's intention to demolish historic buildings on Main Street, a designated Architectural Conservation Area; the massive and inappropriate scale, bulk and density of the development; the lack of civic and community facilities; minimum provision for services other than retail; the poor quality of public spaces within the scheme, and a housing mix which fails to respond to the actual needs of the local population.

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