
From: Smith, Kristina
Sent: 06 May 2020 14:06
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Application 2020/1481P - please upload comments

Hi – please can the objection below be uploaded to 2020/1481/P.

Many thanks,

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Hi Kristina,

Firstly I hope you are keeping well in these times.

I understand you're the senior planning officer for the proposed development on Camden Square / Murray St regarding the significant expansion of the Irish Community Centre.

I apologise for not sending through sooner but can you please upload these to the portal - we as residents on Murray St object to the proposals due to the reasons set out below. Whilst I appreciate the plans are very thorough & the community centre is well established, the proposals are far too disruptive & not fitting not appropriate with the surrounding environment.

1 - Capacity Increase:

The proposed capacity increase would be in the region of an 80% increase from today (1,500+ capacity!)The noise, traffic & disruption this would cause to Murray St & Camden Square would be severe. The designs clearly show how much bigger the building would be in a residential location.

2 - Roof Top Proposal:

This is simply not acceptable nor appropriate given the size proposed & noise this would create to any resident within a 100m radius. I've seen residential plans be rejected for roof terraces smaller than 10msq so I honestly cannot see how this is aligned to the current make up of surrounding streets. Anyone who has been to this location would clearly see its a quiet area with a few local shops & amenities.

3 - Relocation of Entrance to Murray St

The size of queues on the street, noise created by people, cars/ taxis parking on the road and other disruption to houses on Murray St with a relocated entrance of the community centre is far too disruptive. My flat front door would be opposite the new entrance with numerous houses on Murray St having bedrooms facing the road.

4 - Building Design

The designs of the new building are really not suited to the surrounding streets or architecture. This must be considered further. The current architecture of surrounding houses & properties is not a monolithic block.

5 - Building Works, Demolition etc

The complete overhaul of the site with material demolition planned & building works for years would bring material disruption, traffic, noise, dust & environmental pollution. As a resident to Murray St this is something that would be unavoidable to us.

I hope the above makes sense and I'd be grateful if you could confirm once our comments have been uploaded to the portal.

Best regards,
