Development Plan Submissions,
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Tuesday, April 26, 2022

RE: Submission in Respect to Proposed Amendments to Volume 1 and 2 of the Cork City Development Plan 2022 - Lands at Lee Road.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to object to the proposed development.

My objection is based on many levels.

I am aware that the "city" has taken over the responsibilities in this area, however it is quite shocking that something that was clearly not permissible hitherto by the County is now with indecent haste accepted as a new norm.

My understanding is that there will be a four story development. This by definition will be a large feature on what is a narrow road and will by default create traffic congestion.

There is a "blind bend "when one approaches the city at this location even at present. It is totally irresponsible to impose further traffic on a road which is by design and infrastructure less than optimal.

Whilst I am aware that the city needs to be cognizant of housing requirements, this intensification on such a relative limited space with this seemingly "swift" decision can only provoke criticism.

I am aware of difficulties in obtaining PP along this road for 1.5/2 story properties.

I suspect a four story construction will be greeted with "surprise".

Successful planning should be an evolution, this project is clearly not evolving rather it is an ill thought - out imposition.

I would appeal for better judgment and a striving at least, for successful development.

I fervently believe that in this format the prospects of such a success are unnecessarily reduced.

We as a community must be open to new developments however this is based on the presumption that the development attempts to enhance the community and the immediate area.

If a development is imposed on a community with scant regard at integration, it will, I believe be a symbol of bad planning, recent history should have sufficient references to make one wary.

On the basis of these considerations I wish to formally object to this proposed amendment.

Yours Sincerely

Gerry Hand