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**Re: Planning permission application for the proposed development of the site of the new Children's Hospital of Ireland at the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital campus, Eccles Street, Dublin 7.**

With reference to the above-mentioned planning application, I would like you to take note of the following points when making your decision.

1. The proposed height of 16 storeys is quite simply outrageous in my opinion – the residents of Leo Street, Josephine and Leo Avenues and surrounding streets will be completely overshadowed by a structure of this height. We normally have to switch on lights in our hallway, back bedroom and kitchen on dull days and during winter throughout the day as it is and the new development at the Mater Hospital has already diminished lighting.
2. Viewing the new development of the A & E Department as one approaches from St. Joseph's St./Synnott Place or indeed each time I step outside my front door (as the end house on the left of the Josephine Avenue cul-de-sac), I am reminded of the ugliness of the structure rising up to the rear of the quaint uniformed houses of Leo Street and now it is proposed that an 'alien spaceship' like structure should hover overhead also!
3. At present it is possible to see into the back gardens of all the houses on these avenues/streets from some of the wards at the Mater Hospital – the issue of privacy is of major concern if a 16 storey development is allowed.
4. Car parking has always been a major problem in the area – the residents have to park on the street (as these houses don't have driveways) and a Residents Parking Disc does not give entitlement to a parking space. Thus, it has always been on a 'first come, first served' basis and the goodwill of decent neighbours that a resident secured parking on arriving home! On many occasions we have had to abandon planned outings etc. as the vehicle was either blocked-in by an unknown vehicle or we had to double-park behind an unknown vehicle and obviously couldn't go out if intending to leave the car at home!

A former work colleague was attending the Mater Private Hospital last year on a daily basis for radium treatment and she described how awful it was to have to take the bus because she had difficulty in securing a parking space on her second visit. Her treatment lasted 45 minutes on some days and was extremely painful. The accompanying parental/sibling distress when a child is acutely ill and the overriding need for parents to spend every available minute with their sick child will be exacerbated by the lack of parking. Is this the way the State wants to treat it's sick population?

I know of two junior doctors who work at the Mater Hospital and both cycle from Pearse Street because of the lack of parking. One of them had to dry her soaking wet hair with a towel in the toilet before starting her patient round, on a day that rained heavily.

If this is the fate of staff, are patients of these hospitals not likely to have a similiar or probably even worse experience in order to access clinics etc., particularly in view of the fact that almost on a daily basis I am asked directions to either Breast Check Clinic, A & E, Mater Reception etc.

The relevant fee is enclosed.

Yours faithfully,



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