

Submission in respect of the National Children's Hospital, Mater Hospital, Eccles Street, Dublin 7. (PA 0024).

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To Whom It May Concern:

I Eamonn Smyth of 13 Nelson Street, Dublin 7, wish to make an objection in relation to the proposed New Children's Hospital of Ireland development (PA 0024) on Eccles Street Dublin 7.

As a life long resident of Nelson Street I attended a series of meeting with representatives from the National Paediatrics Hospital (NPH) Team as part of the Stakeholder Engagement/ Consultation Process. One outcome of these meetings was the Community Gains Proposals report prepared by John Spain Associates, October 2010, a copy of which is included in the planning application documents.

This report contains many of the concerns raised by the local residents, but I wish to make comment on the following issues.

As part of the development it is proposed to remove a significant number of on-street car parking spaces from Eccles Street, thus removing this facility from parking permit holders, residents and members of the public alike and adding to the car parking problem that already exists in the surrounding area.

At the above mentioned meetings I was assured by representatives of the NPH that this loss of amenity would be taken into account and that the provision of a number of resident/permit holder, reserved car parking spaces in the new underground car park of the National Children's Hospital would be considered favourably as a reasonable and justified request, however this matter appears not to have been adequately addressed in the planning application documents.

In addition, at the above mentioned meetings Residents requested that Nelson Street would benefit from upgrading particularly due to inadequate street lighting which creates safety issues. A left turn from Eccles Street to Nelson Street for commercial vehicles should be restricted and additional street lighting should be provided along Nelson Street, where a street light was repositioned during the construction of the Nurse's Centre in Eccles Street/Nelson Street.

The residents also identified a requirement for CCTV cameras to be operational on site, prior to the commencement of construction activities. Cameras should be included on North Circular Road, Berkeley Road, Eccles Street and Nelson Street. The installation of CCTV cameras should be in addition to security personnel on the site on a 24 hour basis during both construction and operational periods.

It is noted that the existing security kiosk on Eccles Street, close to the junction with Nelson Street, will be removed during construction. The local residents have requested that in this case the security personnel should relocate to the existing security desk on Nelson Street in order to ensure adequate surveillance.

Residents also requested that the proposed percentage of jobs allocated to people living in the Dublin 7 area during the construction phase be raised to 10%, (this would still be less than 100 job places for an area of high unemployment and a locality that will suffer considerable disturbance and disruption during construction).

My objection is based on the opinion that none of the above issues raised by the residents, as part of the Stakeholder Engagement Process were adequately dealt within the planning application documents.

Yours sincerely,

Eamonn Smyth.

Signed.

Date. 13-9-2011.

