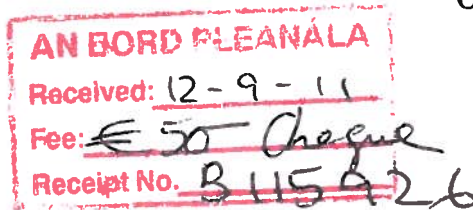


9 Josephine Avenue

Off Leo Street

North Circular Road

Dublin 7



To – An Bord Pleanála  
64 Marlborough Street  
Dublin 1

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

**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.**

I wish to make the following submissions/observations to An Bord Pleanála with regard to the above planning application.

Firstly, as someone who spent the first 14 years of her life in and out of the then Clontarf Orthopaedic Children's Hospital I have no objection, in principle, to a children's hospital. My concerns are mainly about the proposed **height** of the new national children's hospital and its impact on local residences. I believe the "experts" from abroad, never visited the actual proposed site, in person.

#### **1. HEIGHT OF THE NEW HOSPITAL:**

There are few high-rise buildings in our parish – what's left of Georgian Eccles Street is an exception – the parish (this area) of St Joseph's, Berkeley Road, Dublin 7, mainly consists of Victorian and Edwardian 1 and 2 storey dwellings.

I have lived in 9 Josephine Avenue, a terraced Edwardian 2-storey house, for the past 53 years. The proposed height of the NCH is 4-storeys on Eccles Street and 16 storeys to the rear of properties on Leo Street (map attached). This will result in **diminished privacy** at the back of Leo Street houses and **over shadowing** will be a major problem by day and night for residents of Leo Street, Leo Avenue, Josephine Avenue and other nearby streets

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(A copy of shadow study is attached).

Already, because of the new A & E Dept. of the Mater Hospital, house lights in Leo Street are turned on from 2.00p.m.daily, Winter and Summer. So it's good-bye to natural light and sunlight for many adjoining houses. In addition, the NCH will be lit up at night like a giant Christmas tree.

## 2. CAR PARKING.

It is proposed that 54 on-street car parking spaces in Eccles Street will be removed.

This area already has a major car-parking problem, especially on week-days and big match days in Croke Park. We are now facing the possibility of having 4 hospitals on a small site i.e. Mater Private, Mater Public, NCH, and a proposed maternity hospital. It's proposed to have 972 car spaces in the NCH. I understand that 3,000 people might be employed in the hospital.

## 3. ACCESS TO NCH.

This will result in increased traffic, noise, and helicopter pad etc. in the area.

## 4. GEORGIAN HERITAGE.

The Georgian Heritage of the North Inner City should be respected. We will now have a huge new building that will change Dublin city's skyline for ever, it will be possible to see its outline from Clontarf.

I enclose a cheque for 50Euro.

I wish to make a formal request that I be informed of any Oral Hearing in this Planning Application, *and that I be placed on a list of speakers.*

Yours faithfully

  
Mary W. Gallagher

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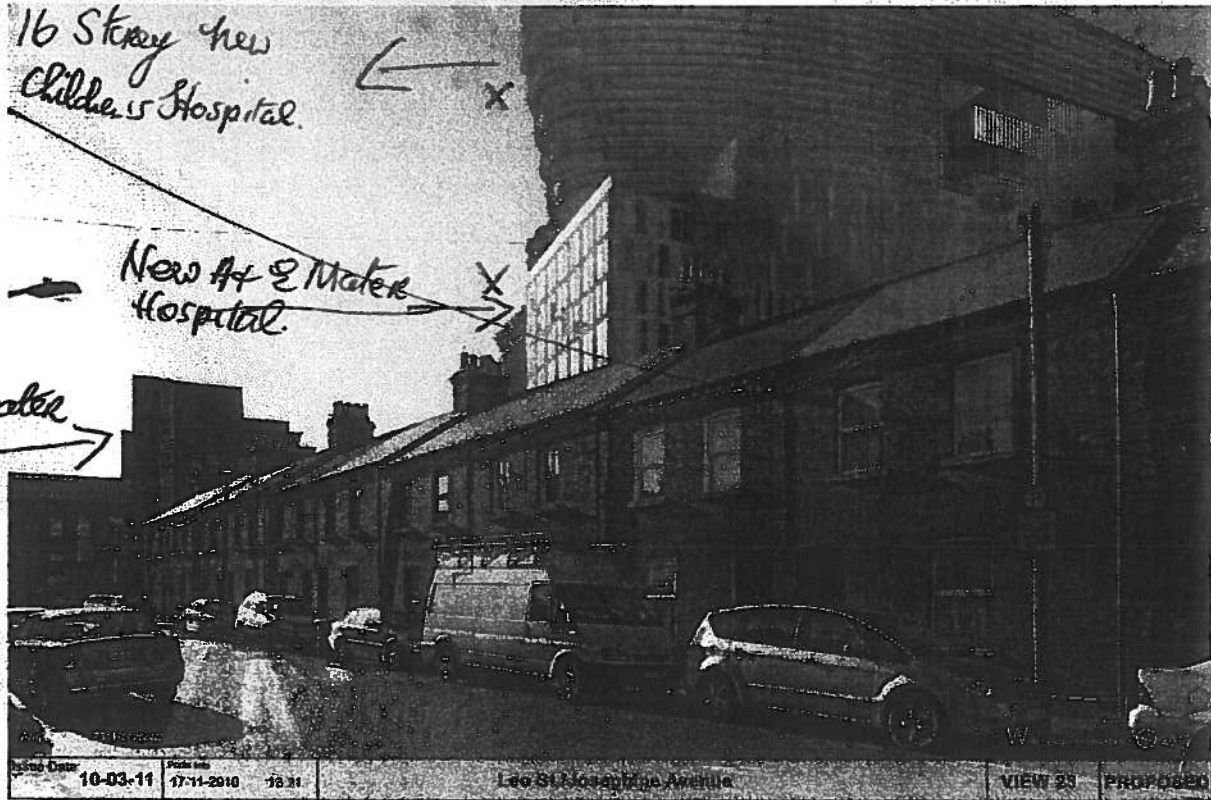


Figure 11.75 View 23: Proposed View from Leo Street / Josephine Avenue

<b>Effects</b>	<b>Appearance</b>	A profound change to the appearance of the Street and to the views from these dwellings – particularly from some windows to the rear of these houses.
	<b>Character</b>	A profound change to the residential character and setting.
	<b>Context of Cultural Heritage</b>	Locally significant – see Chapter 15

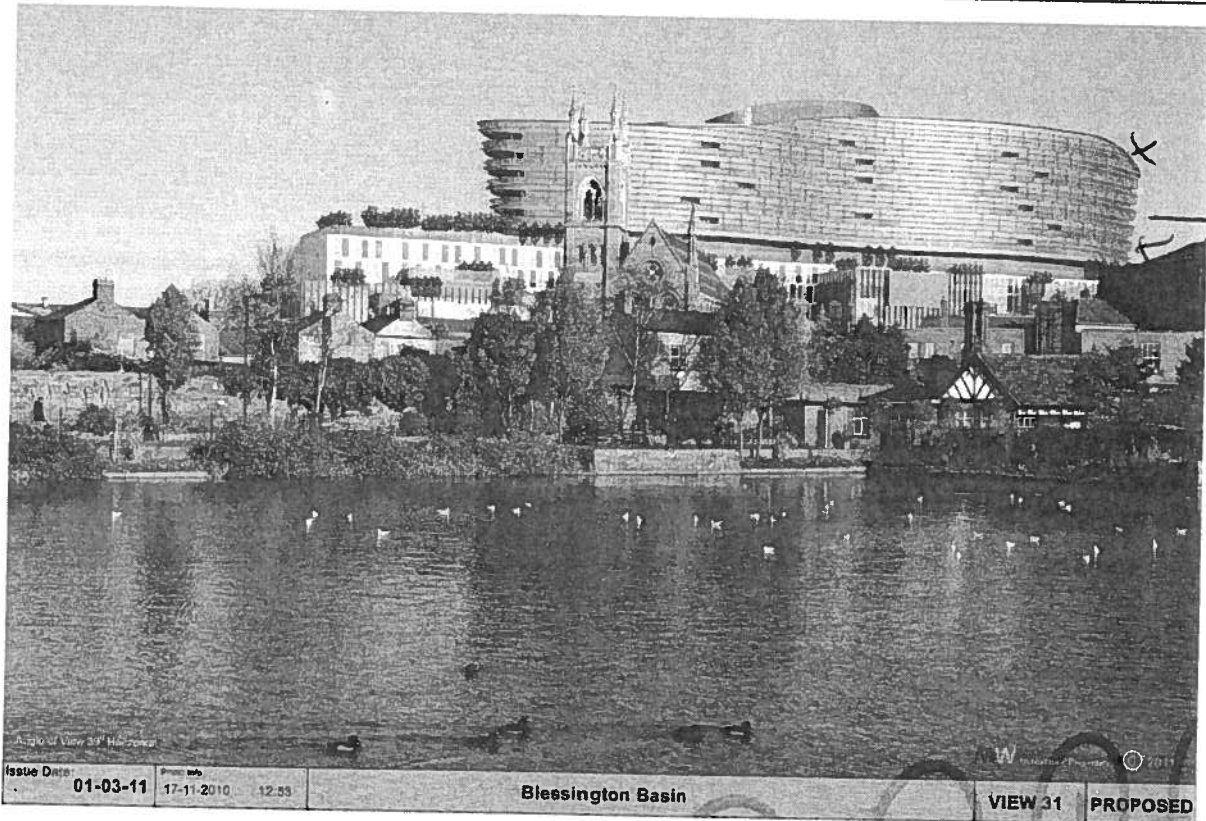
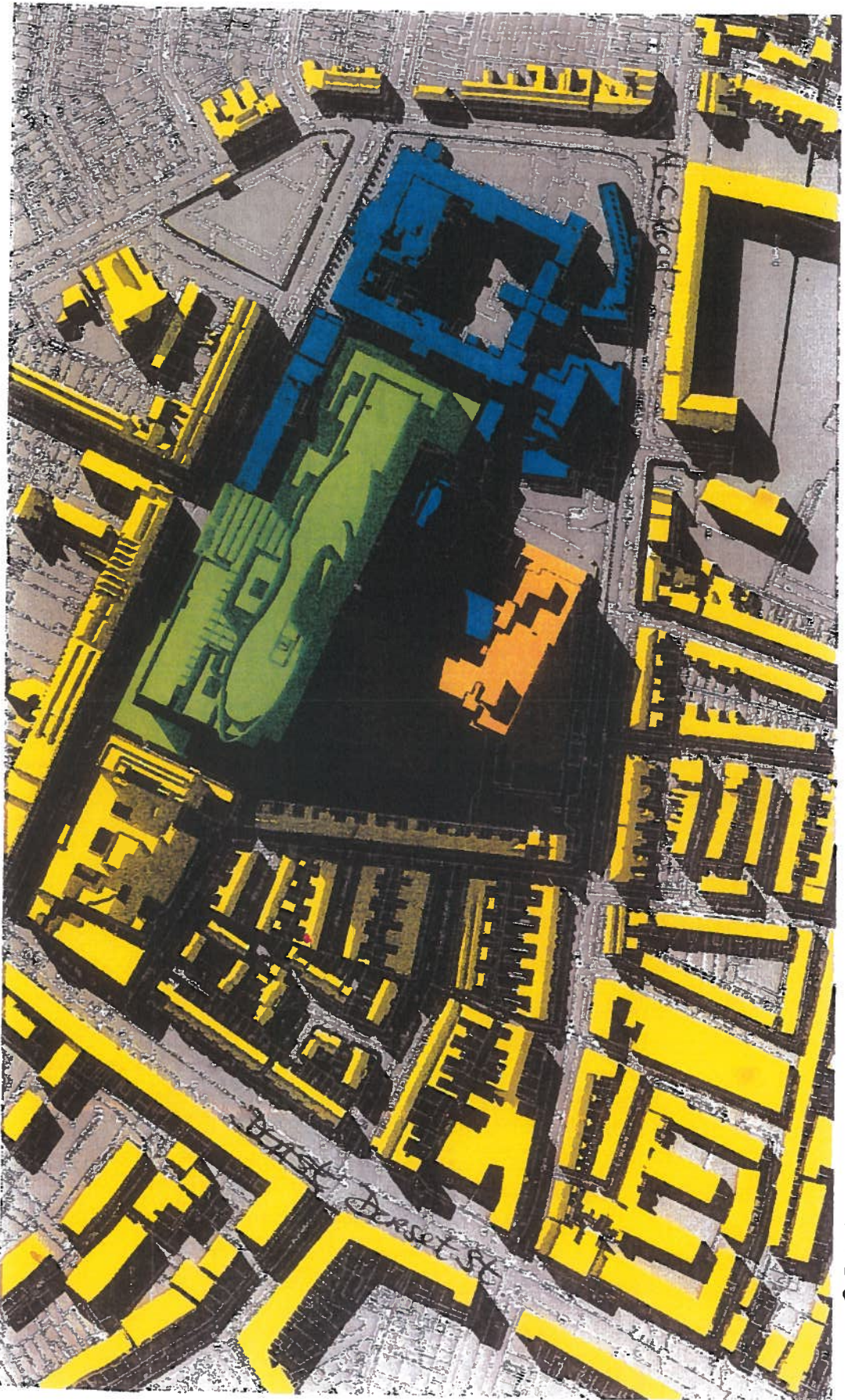


Figure 11.110 View 31: Proposed View from Blessington Basin – off Blessington St in  
 (Parish of St Joseph's, Berkeley Road)

<b>Effects</b>	<b>Appearance</b>	A prominent – but not dominant – change to the appearance and context of the area.
	<b>Character</b>	Not inconsistent with the established character of a wide range of building types and forms in the wider context (Inchicore, the Prison, the Mater Adult and Croke Park)
	<b>Context of Cultural Heritage</b>	A locally significant effect – see Chapter 15



*Just one sample of over-shading - see Street will suffer the most.*



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SHADOW STUDY  
PROPOSED CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF IRELAND  
ATER HOSPITAL, ECCLES STREET, DUBLIN 7  
FEBRUARY 2011

DATE : SEPTEMBER 21ST - EQUINOX  
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