Scholarstown Road / Stocking Lane Residents Association, Birchview, Scholarstown Road, Dublin 16.

Senior Administrative Office, Planning Department, South Dublin County Council, Town Centre Tallaght Dublin 24.



23rd November 2005

Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: Proposed Development at Scholarstown Road & Stocking Lane,

Rathfarnham, Dublin 16. Reg. Ref. SD05A/0872.

Applicant: Maplewood Developments Limited

We the above association wish to object to the granting of planning permission for the proposed development on Scholarstown Road / Stocking Lane on the following grounds:

1. Size of Development:

The proposed development consists of 425 units. We feel this is far too excessive for the size of the site concerned and exceeds appropriate density norms.

2. Nature of Development

The nature of the development is not in keeping with the surrounding houses in the area as it comprises mainly of apartments with very few green areas. Moreover we feel that the design of both the apartments and the houses would not blend in with the houses in the area.

3. Traffic

The area is already very congested with large volumes of traffic converging onto the M50. The proposed development would bring at least an additional 1,000 plus cars to a semi-rural area. At present all residents have difficulty getting into and out of their homes. Additional traffic will only exacerbate this already escalating problem.

4. Height

The proposed development is on an elevated site. The construction of 3 and 4 story apartment blocks would clearly overshadow and overlook the existing properties in the area. This would impact upon the current residents privacy.

5. Access to Schools

All schools in the local area are at full capacity with no additional capacity to cater for additional children, which the proposed development would certainly bring. Indeed, current residents are forced to send their children to schools which are outside the local area.

6. Wildlife

The fields and hedgerows on the proposed site are home to many different types of wildlife, including: Rabbits, Badgers, foxes, Hedgehogs and many different types of Birds, any excessive development on this site would surely disturb their natural habitat.

Overall the members of this residents association, regard the current planning application as a gross and thoroughly unacceptable departure for this site which has potentially detrimental effect on their interests, and the quality of life of people living in the area.

For the above mentioned reasons we would submit that this proposed development must be refused planning permission

Please find enclosed fee in the amount of €20 to cover this objection. We await your acknowledgement of the submission.

Yours Faithfully

Georg Connor

Fiona Cannon

Secretary