

Maximising the City's Potential Conference

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Sustaining Urban Communities

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**We must consider
community needs first**

Live - Work – Play

Humanisation of Urban Living



Just get in as many
as you can!



Purely developer led initiatives?

Population

- Average Household Size in Dublin City is now 2.5 persons, (CSO).
- An adequate population is needed; 50-100 persons/acre.
- ***What is appropriate?***



Mountjoy Square.

Height

*“...Upon that little tent of blue
Which prisoners call the sky...”* Oscar Wilde



Canary Wharf



Manhattan



Mount St Anne's , Milltown.

- Height *must* be at a human scale.
- Ideal of 5/6 storeys. Focal points with artistic merit at 8/10 storeys.



Carlingford Parade, Dublin 2.

Open Space & Meeting Places

- A focus on people necessitates a focus on quality open space and facilities.



Trinity



Italian Quarter



South Lotts – Remembering children

Conclusion

- The city can sustain more people.
- Need to carefully consider population, height, open space and facilities.
- Building *Sustainable Communities* is not an optional extra – it's an essential part of protecting our civil society.

