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Re: Submission to An Bord Pleanála in relation to the Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the College Green Project

AN BORD PLEANÁLA  
 Received: 7/12/17  
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To Whom It May Concern

Park Rite operate of the Fleet Street Multi Storey Car Park. The car park has been significantly impacted by the recent traffic management changes introduced by Dublin City Council. The car park is in the heart of Temple Bar, and is widely used by patrons of the many hotels, and businesses in the area, with over 220,000 parking events each year. Since the introduction of these measures in August 2017 parking events dropped from 53,294 per quarter in 2015 to 45,288 per quarter in 2016 (- 15%). A further drop to 38,605 per quarter occurred in 2017 (- 28%).

The Environmental Impact Assessment Report for College Green contains a significant number of important omissions which are necessary if the proposals are to be reviewed, considered and assessed by An Bord Pleanála in the designated manner. The omissions the EIAR include:

- (a) A description of the future access to the Fleet Street Car Park based on the outcome of discussions between Lowstrand Properties and Dublin City Council in 2016
- (b) A prediction of the additional traffic on Anglesea Street using the proposed alternative route to access the Fleet Street Car Park
- (c) An assessment of the economic impact of the College Green Project on the Fleet Street Car Park (omitted from Section 15 of the EIAR)
- d) The impact on and proposals for local traffic displaced from College Green (omitted from Section 6 of the EIAR)
- (e) Proposals and a timescale for the promised Car Park Signage Scheme (omitted from Section 6 and 19 of the EIAR)
- (f) Proposals and a timescale for the promised city wide directional signage scheme (omitted from Sections 6 and 19 of the EIAR).



The cumulative effect of these omissions is that the EIAR does not review, assess or consider all of the potential effects of the proposed development.

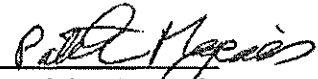
The development of the Fleet Street Car Park was actively promoted by the Government of Ireland through the agencies of Dublin City Council and Temple Bar Properties. The stated purpose of providing the car park was to serve the needs of the Temple Bar area. In recent years, the many traffic management changes introduced by Dublin City Council in the City Centre particularly for LUAS LCC in the last few years have severely undermined the operation of the Fleet Street Car Park by curtailing access from the surrounding street network.

The current proposal for the College Green Project as described in the EIAR when taken together with a further series of traffic management restrictions also being proposed, will reduce this access further.

The Dublin City Council as set out in City Development Plan and the City Centre Traffic Study recognises that 'The private car will continue to be an important choice for people travelling to the City Centre, particularly for shopping and commercial activities' and that 'The retention of an appropriate level of private car vehicular access to the City Centre is essential for retail and commercial purposes'.

These objectives will not be achieved unless An Bord Pleanála impose appropriate conditions in any approval it may grant for the College Green Project. The Fleet Street car park is an integral part of the Temple Bar business area, and maintaining access is required

Yours sincerely

  
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