

Lansdowne Park & District Residents' Association

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The Senior Executive Officer
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South Dublin County Council
County Hall,
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SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL
HOUSING ADMIN. DEPT.

4 November 2010

Extension to Day-house at 6 Cherryfield Way, Firhouse Road, Dublin 16

Dear Sir/Madam

We refer to the Part 8 notification of SDCC proposed construction of a 2 storey, 5 bedroomed permanent dwelling of circa 1,700 sq ft at Cherryfield Halting Site.

We believe that the proposed development of a permanent dwelling on this halting site breaches the original concept of halting sites which by their nature are designed to suit the temporary requirements of the travelling community.

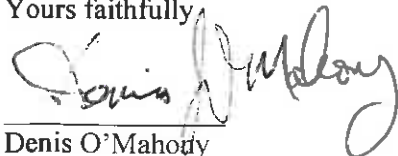
We believe that the construction of a two storey ~1,700 sq ft fixed and permanent dwelling effectively amounts to residential zoning of this site and will be at variance with and contrary to proper planning and development of the area.

Original planning permission was sought for this temporary halting site on land zoned amenity and parkland. The land was later re-zoned and the site was built to accommodate 5 bays. Local residents were assured that it would remain as such. The 5 bay site was very manageable and in fact won awards for its excellence.

The site was then expanded to accommodate 10 bays and since that time there has been a dramatic decline in the management of the site and its environs. There have been several instances of serious dumping external to the boundary walls as evidenced by the enclosed photographs together with problems of loose dogs and horses in the surrounding parkland. Furthermore the adjoining football pitch was out of use for a considerable time due to damage caused by dumping of dangerous waste.

The increase in density has not been successful and further expansion in scale to include a very large 2 storey permanent dwelling would seriously exacerbate this already unacceptable situation. In addition the visual impact of the proposed building will not be in keeping with the existing profile of the site and surrounding parkland. Furthermore we believe that this proposal could lead to building of additional permanent dwellings on the site contradicting all original reasons for granting permission for the construction of Cherryfield Halting Site in the first instance.

Yours faithfully



Denis O'Mahony
Chairman

Photos taken 13 March 2009 – Beside Cherryfield Halting Site



