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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to make a submission on the proposed Tallaght Village Enhancement Scheme and to ask that the existing on-street parking outside my home be retained as part of any final design.

My family has lived on this street for five generations. I grew up here, and for all that time residents have always had the ability to park outside their homes. This is not simply a street or a public space. It is a residential area where people live their day-to-day lives.

The Council's own planning framework describes Tallaght Village as a mixed-use area with a predominantly residential focus. That is important because it recognises the reality of this street as a place where people actually live, not just somewhere people pass through or spend time in. However, the current proposal does not reflect that. It represents a clear departure from that approach and moves away from the mixed-use nature of the street.

While I welcome thoughtful improvements to the public realm, the proposal goes beyond rebalancing the street. It removes space that residents and local businesses rely on, particularly for parking and access, and replaces it with increased foot traffic and gathering space. As it stands, the scheme appears to prioritise making the area more usable for visitors and passers-by, while making it harder for residents to live normally on the street.

This is not a neutral redesign. It changes how the street functions and alters its character in a very real way.

For households like mine, on-street parking is not simply a convenience. It is part of everyday life. It supports family needs, visitors, and essential services, and it has always formed part of how this street works. Removing long-standing residential parking without providing a clear benefit to the people who actually live here places an unfair burden on residents.

There is also a cumulative impact that has not been properly acknowledged. The move to paid parking in recent years has already made access more difficult for residents. This proposal goes

much further by removing long-standing residential parking altogether, creating an additional burden without any obvious benefit to the residential community.

I am also concerned that residents were not directly surveyed or meaningfully consulted before a proposal of this scale was developed. That raises real questions about whether the lived experience of residents has been taken into account, and whose voices have shaped a design that will directly affect the people living here.

There are also very practical concerns about what this could lead to in reality. Creating gathering spaces directly outside people's homes brings an increased risk of noise, late-night activity, and anti-social behaviour. That has a direct effect on the quality of life of residents.

It is also important to recognise that many people living on this street are older. Changes that reduce access, remove nearby parking, or increase noise and activity will have a disproportionate impact on those who rely on a quieter and more accessible environment in their daily lives.

Any enhancement scheme should strike a fair balance between improving the public realm and protecting the practical needs of existing residents. At a minimum, any final proposal should retain reasonable residential access and parking, and should not introduce changes that make it harder for people to live safely and comfortably in their own homes.

I would ask the Council to reconsider the current design and to engage properly with residents before proceeding further, so that any final plan reflects the reality of how this street is lived in and respects its residential character.

Yours

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