

Submission on the Draft South Dublin County Council Development Plan

To: South Dublin County Council

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I am making this submission as the traffic situation in Saggart village is now dire and beyond intolerable for residents.

Fortunestown Lane and Garter Lane are now almost impassable during school drop off and collection / rush hour due to the build-up of traffic to Citywest Hotel from junction 3a of the N7 (Garter Lane) and the position is no different in terms of traffic to Citywest Hotel from junction 4 (Rathcoole), which has to navigate the main crossroads in the village, which is very tight, and then pass by St. Mary's National School.

South Dublin County Council has permitted the drastic over development of Greenogue to such an extent that junction 4 is now seriously over capacity, with a high proliferation of HGVs apparent, particularly at peak times. Traffic entering (and exiting) the N7 via junction 3a is becoming increasingly dangerous.

There are no plans outlined in the draft Development Plan for the remediation of either situation. Whilst it would not address the heavy traffic volumes to and from Greenogue (which will clearly require upgrades to junction 4), a new road linking Garter Lane and Mill Road would surely remove the significant volumes of traffic in Saggart village, and dramatically improve road safety for school going families. I suspect that most if not all of the traffic to and from Citywest Hotel would not need to enter or approach the village if this alternative link road was available.

The Council needs to do something about this in the next Development Plan.

Thank you for considering this submission.

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