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**Reference Planning Application by Emmaville Limited for the development at the site of Scholarstown House, Scholarstown Road, Dublin 16, D16 E2H9 – RPS Ref 322**  
**Reg Ref SD22A/0401**

**Dear Sir/Madam**

It is with great concern that I view the development proposals outlined in the Site Notice dated 24 October 2022, in relation to the above, referencing the intention to apply for planning permission relating to the development at the site of Scholarstown House, Scholarstown Road, Dublin 16, D16 E2H9 .

These proposals seek to develop a large scale, bulky and high density development in the Scholarstown House lands and to make significant alterations to the interior of the protected structure – Scholarstown House.

In this regard, I wish to submit the following observations.

**Scale, Bulk, Density, Height, Proximity to St Colmcilles school, Children education and sports facilities, and Traffic**

The proposal per the site notice includes the construction of 74 apartments, in an apartment block ranging in height from 3 to 5 stories in height.

This density, when taken with the current development in progress in the “Cosgrove” lands fronting on Scholarstown Road, is unsupported by the current infrastructure in the locality. The area is already experiencing very bad traffic during peak hours, due to recent expansion of the area, including Scholarstown Wood, White Pines and other new establishments in the area.

The proposed building is considerably higher than the adjoining housing developments in Orlagh Estate and Woodfield Estates which both comprise two story single family dwellings. It is also in excess of the Ros Mor View development which is on the opposite side of the Orlagh – Scholarstown junction which is a 4 storey building, with the top floor recessed. I would also note that the density of Ros Mor View of 35 apartments is considerably less than the proposed density of the 5 story development.

The height of the proposed development represents an overbearing presence to the houses in the adjoining Woodfield and Orlagh estates.

I also note the proximity of St Colmcilles school to the proposed development. The site is directly adjacent to the school grounds. This proximity together with the excessive height of the development will mean that, depending on their aspect, apartments and any balconies in the higher stories would overlook the school, its grounds and playing fields. This raises a very unwelcome concerns for the privacy of the children as well as child protection/safety issues.

Local childminding facilities and Schools in the catchment areas, particularly St. Colmcilles, at which this development is proposed to be built, are already overwhelmed with number of annual applications, as the area is not equipped to enhabit more families. Our son had to be delayed for a year to start his primary education, on the grounds of increased number of applications. We are worried that our children will not be offered a place the first choice school for secondary education either, even though they live litteraly behind the school their whole lives, and the school was the reason why we have moved to this area.

Local sport clubs, such as local GAA, Football, Basketball clubs, Scout clubs, etc, have also been turning down interest from our children, as they do not have capacity to accomodate all interested.

### **Carparking/ Traffic.**

40 new car spaces are provided for 74 apartments. Scholarstown Road and the nearby housing estates, especially Orlagh and Woodfield estates already have significant carparking and traffic challenges. This is especially evident along the stretch of Scholarstown Road between Orlagh Roundabout and Templeroan Roundabout. This is likely to deteriorate further as the development in the Cosgrove lands are completed and become occupied.

Spillover of carparking and the negative impact of traffic from this oversized new development should not be permitted as it will make an already bad situation intolerable.

### **Summary**

This proposed development by virtue of its scale bulk, density, and height, diminishes rather than enhances the external environments it impacts upon.

The application seeks approval for a quantum of development beyond the capacity of the site and surrounding infrastructure. It will considerably negatively impact on the current environments and mature housing estates in the locality.

I trust that my observations are recognised and will be taken into account when considering this planning application.

I attach payment receipt for the Statutory fee of €20.00 which has been paid to the Council's Finance Department (Ref. No. T4/0/724290)

Yours faithfully,  
Kristina Collins and family



**Kristina Collins and family**  
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Dublin 16.

**Date:** 22-Nov-2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Register Ref:** SD22A/0401  
**Development:** Demolition of the 4 existing shed structures on site within the curtilage of the protected structure; Retention and conversion of Scholarstown House (Protected Structure) into two residential units comprised of 1 two bed and 1 three bed units served by private open space in the form of ground floor terrace; The proposed works to Scholarstown House include but are not limited to internal re-configuration; Re-location of the staircase to its original location within the house; Removal of non-original features including the closing up of non-original openings; Creation of a new door opening within the existing alcove, and the blocking up of a window opening both located on the northern elevation; Construction of an apartment block ranging in height from 3 to 5 storeys containing 74 apartment units comprised of 32 one bed apartments, 33 two bed apartments, and 9 three bed apartments all served by private open space in the form of balconies and/or ground floor terraces; The proposed development also includes 100sq.m of residential amenities and facilities consisting of but not limited to a reception, communal amenity room and parcel room; The development will be served by a total of 40 car parking spaces and 183 cycle parking spaces accessed via a new pedestrian and vehicular access off Orlagh Grove with the existing entrances on Scholarstown Road and Orlagh Grove being re-configured to provide for pedestrian and cycle access; All ancillary development works required to facilitate the development including but not limited to, plant rooms, a substation, bin stores, landscaping, boundary treatments and lighting; The proposed development comprises the carrying out of works to a protected structure: Scholarstown House (RPS Ref: 322).

**Location:** Scholarstown House, Scholarstown Road, Dublin 16  
**Applicant:** Emmaville Limited  
**Application Type:** Permission  
**Date Rec'd:** 25-Oct-2022

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your submission in connection with the above planning application. The appropriate fee of €20.00 has been paid and your submission is in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001(as amended). The contents of your submission will be brought to the attention of the Planning Officer during the course of consideration of this application.



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Yours faithfully,

M. Furney  
for **Senior Planner**