

**The Chairperson and Members
South Central Area Committee**

**Part VIII Planning Application for retention of the existing use of the former Parish
Centre, 12-14 Carman's Hall, Dublin 8 (Plan Ref No. 3188/20).**

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) and Dublin City Council's Housing and Community Services lodged a Part VIII planning application concerning the retention of the existing use of the former Parish Centre, 12-14 Carman's Hall, Dublin 8. The project will comprise of:

The retention of the existing use for a further period of 12 months, of the former Parish Centre at 12-14 Carman's Hall, Dublin 8 as emergency accommodation for people experiencing homelessness, as necessitated by the Covid -19 pandemic.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development were available for inspection by appointment at the planning counter, online via Citizen Space (www.consultation.dublincity.ie) or could be purchased, from 13th August, 2020. Submissions or observations in relation to the proposed plan were also invited through Citizen Space, DCC's online planning website and by writing, to the Executive Manager, Planning and Property Development Department, Dublin City Council, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8, and the deadline for receipt of these was 4.30pm on 23rd September, 2020.

Following the passing of the above deadline, two observations were received in relation to the application.

Observation from Thornton O' Connor Town Planning, on behalf of Heyday Student Living Complex. No. 15 Carman's Hall, Dublin 8 and Mr Patrick Coyne, 7 Arran Street East, Mary's Abbey, Dublin 7.

Concerns and claims attributed to the Emergency Accommodation facility.

- Anti-Social behaviour
- Threatening and abusive behaviour
- Alcohol and drug misuse
- Loitering and pollution
- Concern for the safety of staff and students at Heyday Student Living
- Negative impacts on the tourism sector
- Concentration of services

These concerns raised are noted and have been considered in the planners report.

As approval of a Part VIII application is a reserved function of the City Council, it is now our intention to bring the proposal to the November City Council Meeting for formal approval, therefore the South Central Area Committee is being updated in respect of this Part VIII.

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