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Re: Formal Submission on the St. Nicholas Quarter Regeneration Masterplan – Phase 2

I am writing to you on behalf of the Dundalk Chamber of Commerce to formally submit our observations regarding the proposed Phase 2 public realm and regeneration works in the St. Nicholas Quarter.

In recent years, the Irish Government has invested a significant amount of Urban Regeneration funding into the St. Nicholas Quarter, and our business community, residents, and visitors have already seen the tangible benefits following the completion of Phase 1.

Phase 1 and its resulting works have successfully created a safer, significantly more pedestrian-friendly environment. The widening of footpaths, installation of modern public lighting and street furniture, and creation of 14 new pedestrian crossings have greatly enhanced accessibility.

Furthermore, moving electrical cables underground has decluttered our streetscape, while utility upgrades have future-proofed our water, electricity, and broadband infrastructure. Combined with realigned junctions, resurfaced roadways, and new green space at the Peace Park, this initial investment is already having a positive impact in the area.

Having witnessed the success of Phase 1, Dundalk Chamber strongly supports the overall ambition and direction of the Phase 2 plans outlined by Louth County Council.

We have outlined some of our key observations on the project below:

- We note the proposed loss of existing EV Charging Points in the redevelopment of the car park. Retaining and expanding electric vehicle charging capacity in the town centre remains essential for supporting local shoppers, workers, and visitors.
- We fully endorses the planned Peace Park upgrades to improve public accessibility and space quality. We particularly appreciate the retention of mature trees, which protects local biodiversity and maintains the park's recreational amenity value.
- We believe the replacement of No. 3 Bridge Street with a purpose-built, two-storey community facility will establish an inclusive hub for local group meetings, workshops, events, and essential civic services.
- We recognise the removal of No. 27 Bridge Street and the opening of the rubble stone wall will deliver an important new East-West pedestrian connection, significantly enhancing foot traffic and physical connectivity between Bridge Street, Meeting House Lane, and Linenhall Street.
- We acknowledge the introduction of 7 high-quality residential units (1 apartment integrated into the community building alongside 6 duplex units featuring a mix of one- and two-bedroom layouts) directly aligns with national Town Centre First initiatives. Repurposing underutilised urban land to deliver much-needed housing will bring sustained, year-round vibrancy to the streetscape.

Dundalk Chamber welcomes Louth County Council's continued commitment to regenerating the northern core of our town. We look forward to working closely with Louth County Council, street traders and our membership ensure Phase 2 delivers maximum economic and social benefits for Dundalk.

Best wishes

John McGahon.

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