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Dear Resident,

April 14th 2020

I hope you are keeping safe and well and, if applicable, cocooning comfortably in your home.

I am sorry to have to drop a leaflet at this time but it is important that residents are aware of a planning application made for the old shop unit at **28, Dale Road**. This is the corner unit adjacent to the field.

The proposal is to replace the current structure with a four-storey mixed use, business units and apartments. Full details of the application will be available to view on the DLR planning website <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/planning/planning-applications>.

First, I think it is regrettable and unacceptable that a significant development of this type would seek permission when local residents are in a lockdown situation, particularly, where there are many older local residents who are asked to cocoon and thus would not become aware of this application.

Second, due to the current pandemic your ability to engage with the process and have your views heard will be restricted. The Council is naturally working with reduced capacity, and thus slower than normal in uploading the details for residents to see. The notice is dated Thursday April 9th and in normal times uploading documents can take 10 days, 2 weeks. I anticipate that at this time it could be even longer. In addition, it is not possible to physically visit and inspect the filed documents as Council offices are currently closed to the public.

The time allowed for filing observations is 5 weeks. It is important that residents review the application and makes their views known, which can be done online at <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/planning/planning-applications/planning-objections> or by post, for a €20 fee. However, we must wait for the documents to make an informed observation.

While I fully support the building of new homes, my position is that any proposed development must be consistent with the current local environment and add value to the existing community.

I will be able to update you further as information becomes available but unfortunately we will not be able to have a meeting, as I would like to do, due to the current pandemic. If you wish to contact me in relation to this, my mobile is 086-851 6936, or by e-mail moconnell@cllr.dlrcoco.ie.

Can I also take this opportunity to offer assistance to any local resident who requires support at this time, to please contact me and I will be delighted to help.

Stay safe,

Cllr Maeve O'Connell

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