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YOUR SUBMISSION

Q. Please select an issue from the drop down menu...

R. Shaping the City

Q. Submission

R. The Mountjoy Square Society (MSS) welcomes the opportunity to comment at this early stage in the preparation of the Development Plan for Dublin City. The MSS recognises the importance of the Development Plan at setting policy objectives for the City and guiding the direction of future planning, management and development decisions.

A core focus of the MSS would be to hope that the Development Plan will address the need for a new strategy to guide the regeneration of the North Georgian Core (NGC) so that it can make a full contribution to the City as a residential, tourism, cultural and amenity resource. At present the NGC is disjointed and disconnected without any overall guiding principles or coherent approaches designed to facilitate the area to maximise its full potential. Some overarching planning guidance which has an overall objective of regenerating this area as a distinct zone or district and reconnecting it with the rest of Dublin during the life time of the next Development Plan should be a significant objective for a new Plan and will contribute to shaping the City

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R. Population and Housing

Q. Submission

R. Mountjoy Square is one of the most densely populated residential areas in the City. Research by the MSS has indicated that there are approximately 1,400 people living on the Square in a mixture of accommodation - recent years has seen an increase in the number of families living in the Square. It is important that the residential character of the area is fostered and encouraged particularly given that this is one area of the inner City which is still performing the core function for which it was developed over 200 years ago. It is also important that planning and housing policy facilitates a mix of housing within an area and that housing standards are maintained so that units are not developed or subdivided in a way that militates against decent housing standards for residents. In addition where there are large vacant Georgian Houses that could contribute to meeting new housing demand it is important that these houses can be restored in a way that



recognises their cultural significance while allowing modern inner city family living in all or part of the houses. The Living Cities initiative provides some real potential for housing regeneration from this old and much valued Georgian stock in a way that is consistent with conservation objectives.

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R. Green Infrastructure, Landscape, Open Space & Recreation

Q. Submission

R. Access to green infrastructure is critical for a living city. The MSS has worked with DCC to prepare regeneration plans for Mountjoy Square Park and we see this project as one which can contribute to the provision of Green Infrastructure in a part of the City which has precious little such resource. It is important that such areas are accessible, attractive and safe - the plans for Mountjoy Square Park will help in this respect. We would hope that this project will be completed over the lifetime of the new Development Plan and as such make a significant contribution to the public realm in a sensitive part of the City as well as contributing to the regeneration of the broader area. It will help Mountjoy Square become a place to visit as well as a place to live.

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R. Culture and Heritage

Q. Submission

R. The Georgian Squares are one of the defining characteristics of Dublin City. The Northern Georgian Squares stand among some significant elements of the remaining Georgian City - much of which is frail and requires active protection. The character of the area needs to be enhanced and preserved through active planning enforcement to ensure that buildings are preserved and protected. In addition the public realm needs to reflect the sensitivity of the built environment in these areas.

For Mountjoy Square the creation of an ACA has been significant. However we believe that a Local Area Plan may be required for Mountjoy Square and its environs to guide regeneration of the area. The ACA is not an instrument for regeneration - it is a catalyst to preserve and protect what is there, but more active management and planning guidance is required to assist in regeneration of the area and to ensure its connection with the rest of the City.

In addition the North Georgian core represents a significant tourist resource for the City - recent years have seen an increase in the culturally curious visitor to the City - keen to explore its Georgian heritage and where possible to stay in the old City - the advent of Airbnbs in the Mountjoy Square area is testament to this trend. Culture and Heritage bring economic dividends which should be properly explored and maximised.