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Sent: Friday 22 November 2019 15:28
To: info@maryfitzpatrick.ie
Subject: Re: 86-88 Botanic Road Residential Housing

Mary,

Please find below our position on Botanic Road.

Re: 86-88 Botanic Road Residential Housing

Dublin Simon Community having investigated further the planning on 86-88 Botanic Road have concerns on whether the original advice received to use this property as a Residential Recovery Service is appropriate.

After considering this new input, Dublin Simon will not be pursuing implementation of our original proposal. Our property at Botanic road will now revert to its use as residential long term housing for people who are currently experiencing homelessness.

Dublin Simon Community is well aware of the anxiety and concerns our proposal has had on residents in the communities in the surrounding area. It's important to say that this was not our intention and we sincerely apologise for this. It is not our practice to open up dialogue with communities in this fashion.

We believe that all suggestions of secrecy are incorrect, unfounded and hurtful to our Community. Reference to methadone clinics attached to our Residential Recovery Service proposal are profoundly untrue, exaggerated and unhelpful in enabling engagement as part of our communication with the neighbourhood and all local residents per our custom and practice.

We accept that there is now an opportunity to use 86-88 Botanic Road to provide homes to people and look to the community to welcome them and help them close their door on homelessness.

Thank you for any mails, texts, enquiries, newsletters that you may have furnished to us. We will continue to ensure that any further communications are responded as we have done since last Monday.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sam". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

CEO Dublin Simon Community