

# 1,614 UNITS. 0% FOR SALE. 70% STUDIOS & 1-BEDS 100% BUILD-TO-RENT = A RETURN TO ABSENTEE LANDLORDS

The scheme at Clonliffe/Holy Cross College is a 100% "Build-to-Rent" (BTR) "Strategic Housing Development" (SHD).

### What is build to rent?

- Build-to-Rent (BTR) is a housing model introduced to Ireland in 2018, where an investor builds a number of apartments with the intention of renting them & having them professionally managed.
- It began as an opportunity for institutional investors to capitalize on rising housing costs.
- BTR units have lower standards than "normal" apartments.
- This means smaller units, less storage, more units per floor & no balconies required.

### What is a Strategic Housing Development?

- SHDs were introduced in 2017, and allow for developers to apply for permission for large scale housing development directly to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) instead of Dublin City Council.
- Decisions on SHDs are final and can not be appealed except through judicial review.
- SHDs are already due to be replaced at the end of the year due to their undemocratic nature.

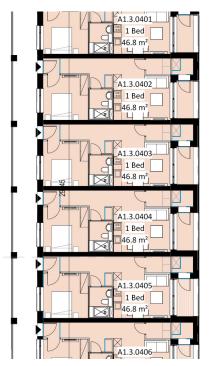
#### How much will it cost to live here?

No details have been published yet, but rents in Hines South Circular Road Development suggest the following:

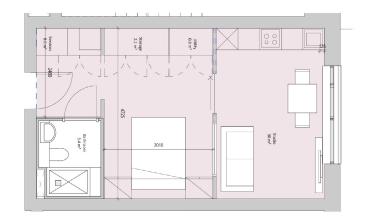
•	Studio	(400sqft): <b>€1,350</b> / month	540 units	<b>33.5%</b> of total
•	1-bed	(500sqft): <b>€1,800</b> / month	602 units	<b>37.3%</b> of total
•	2-bed	(700sqft): <b>€2,100</b> / month	115 units	<b>7.1%</b> of total
•	2-bed	(800sqft): <b>€2,300</b> / month	304 units	<b>18.8%</b> of total
•	3-bed	(1000sqft): <b>€2,800</b> / month	53 units	<b>3.3%</b> of total

## WHAT SHOULD AN BORD PLEANÁLA CONSIDER IN THEIR DECISION? WHY SHOULD THIS SCHEME BE REFUSED PERMISSION?

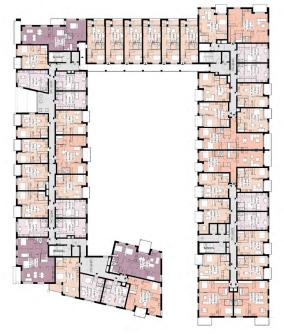
- 0 apartments are being offered for sale to ordinary people to buy.
- This scheme will take €945million out of the area over 30 years.
- 70% of these units are studios & 1-beds, unsuitable to the needs of the area.
- This could lead to **rental inflation** & further **house price inflation** in the area.
- Lower standards of private outdoor/ storage space in BTR apartments.
- Excessive density.
- Privatization of open, public & green spaces in area.
- Overall reduction of amenity in the area.
- Long term & permanent effects of inadequate urban development in the area.
- Undemocratic nature of Strategic Housing Developments.
- Fire safety concerns in apartment designs.
- Unsuitable place to start or raise a family, or downsize for older residents.
- **Exacerbation of the Housing Crisis** due to the costs of rental units & inflation of rents.
- Excessive rental profit for an overseas institutional investor at the expense of salaries of local residents.
- Breaches of the DCC Development Plan in heights & unit mix/ sizes
- 500 car parking spaces for 1614 units with only two entrances
- Unreasonably high costs offered to Dublin City Council for the purchase of Part V (social housing) units in the scheme.
- €61million for 160 units. €300k for each 400sqft studio. €487k for each 700sqft 2-bed.
- These lands were bought by the Church with donations from ordinary people.
- Article 44.6 of the Constitution says that Church lands can only be sold for public utility. Is 100% for-rent, housing owned by an absentee landlord "public utility"?



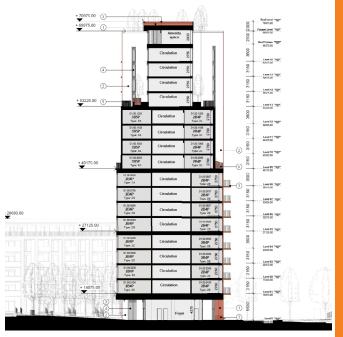
1 BEDROOM APARTMENTS WITH BEDROOMS FACING ON TO SHARED ACCESS CORRIDOR. €1800/ MONTH?



TYPICAL FLOOR PLAN FOR A STUDIO
WITH INTERNAL WINDOW TO BRING LIGHT
INTO BEDROOM.
€1300/ MONTH?



TYPICAL FLOOR PLAN OF BLOCK A 12 studios, 25 one-beds, 7 two-beds, just 3 three-beds! Only 18 dual-aspect units (38%)



SECTION THROUGH 18-STOREY TOWER WITH WINDOWLESS BED SPACES

# THE RETURN OF ABSENTEE LANDLORDS IS NOT A SOLUTION. IT IS A REVERSAL OF 100 YEARS OF SOCIAL PROGRESS.

### How can I submit an observation to An Bord Pleanála?

- You can make a submission in writing or online to An Bord Pleanála.
- Submissions must be received before 5:30pm this Thursday August 19th
- Submissions cost €20 (oral hearings can be requested for additional €50)
- To ensure your observation is valid you must include your name & postal address
- Include your address in online submissions also
- Include the Case Reference: TA29N.310860
- Include the Name & Address: Land at Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3 & Drumcondra Road Lower, Drumcondra, Dublin 9
- Include your reasons and arguments (especially planning grounds) in your observation
- Send your submission to: **An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough St, Rotunda, Dublin 1, D01 V902**
- Make your submission online at: online.pleanala.ie/en-ie/housing/observation

#### ABP'S DECISION WILL BE FINAL & CAN NOT BE OVERTURNED EXCEPT THROUGH JUDICIAL REVIEW

### What can you do?

- Submit an observation to An Bord Pleanála before this Thursday August 19th 5:30pm.
- Know what's required, **get to know the scheme!**
- Inform your neighbours, friends & family in the community and ask them to submit an observation to **have your voices heard.**
- Call, write & email your local representatives, TDs & national politicians to let them know how you feel about this development
- Contact local & national reporters if you know any!
- Subscribe to the website, contact us with questions & get involved!

This group is a grassroots initiative set up by local residents to inform local communities about the details of the development planned for the Clonliffe/ Holy Cross College Site, and effects of large-scale build-to-rent schemes. We are not affiliated to any person, group, institution, political party or otherwise.

Find out more online: stop.holycross.college