THE RATHMINES INITIATIVE

c/o 6 Prince Arthur Terrace,
Rathmines,
Dublin 6.

Minister Eamon Ryan,
Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications,
29-31 Adelaide Road,
Dublin 2, D02 X285

11th July 2024

Re: Rathmines Post Office

Dear Minister Ryan,

On behalf of the Rathmines Initiative I would like to thank you for your email of 28th May on this topic.

We are glad to hear you are in favour of keeping the building in public ownership, and we urge you to exercise your powers under Clause 8.22 of the Code of Practice for Governance of State Bodies, and as majority shareholder, to withhold consent to any request from An Post to dispose of the building.

Once the continuance of the building in public ownership were confirmed, we would query the logic of An Post's plans to relocate any of its services to alternative nearby accommodation.

The Rathmines Initiative believes that the optimum future for the building would be one where it continues in use as a Post Office, whilst An Post would make a survey of any surplus accommodation on the site and engage with Dublin City Council to explore any means by which such accommodation could be leased to DCC for community purposes, such as a Citizens' Information Service and community meeting rooms.

As noted in our previous letter, Rathmines remits considerable revenue to DCC through the activity of the community, expressed in commercial rates, whilst suffering a lack of accommodation for public services, a situation which could be improved by the repurposing of Rathmines Post Office as suggested above.

Thanks again, and looking forward to your further response.

Yours sincerely

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Ciarán McGahon

Cc: Local TDs and Councillors, City Manager & Officials

The Rathmines Initiative is a group of individuals of differing backgrounds seeking to enhance the quality of life of the diverse community in Rathmines by working in co-operation with statutory, voluntary and commercial bodies and public representatives. The Rathmines Initiative was formed in 1998.
The area of interest is Rathmines Road Lower and Upper, i.e. between Portobello Bridge and Dartry.