

A chairde,

As a three times great nephew of Patrick and Willie Pearse I am writing this submission to ask you to conserve the historic area of Moore St for future generations.

Moore St is a battlefield heritage site and should be zoned on that basis as part of a living cultural area. It should become a permanent place of commemoration for the events of 1916 for all Irish people and indeed anyone, no matter their own origin, who wishes to learn about our shared history. As such it should be overseen by a board on similar lines to the Temple Bar scheme some years ago.

Moore Lane, Henry Place and The O'Rahilly Parade should be pedestrianised. The original cobbles wherever they still exist should be exposed so that visitors in the 21st century can follow the footsteps of the men and women of the Rising. Trails and a linear garden should be put in place to link the area together and connect it with other historical and cultural sites such as the GPO and the new Parnell quarter.

The area should become a vibrant cultural milieu with living and working space for artists, writers and all types of creative endeavours. The traditional market should be the keystone of a lively blend of enterprise ranging from artisan food shops and cafes to galleries, bookshops and craft businesses.

This is the vision of the 1916 Relatives Association which I enthusiastically support.

Le síor buíochas agus deá-chuimhne, is ag súil le bhur dtacaíocht,

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