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Residents living near the planned DIT Grangegorman campus are up in arms over the level of disturbance they say they are being forced to endure.

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Locals near the development, which is scheduled to open to students in September, say building work is having an impact on their quality of life.

"The work starts at 7am and doesn't finish until 7pm. There's drilling going on one metre from my kitchen and the glasses in the presses are rattling," said Noel Kinsella, whose home is at the site perimeter.

Lee Stott, who has lived on Grangegorman Road Lower for the past 17 years and has a number of young children, is concerned about the road-works being carried out on their street and the safety of his kids.

"There are trucks coming up and down the whole time and traffic is getting heavier because it's being diverted down here. My kids can't play out on road," Mr Stott said.

Another resident, Mary Creaven, whose property is also on the perimeter wall, said her windows were constantly being covered in a layer of black dust, caused by fumes coming from the machinery on the site.

"I have to wash the black dust off my windows regularly and the washing on my clothes line gets dirty," Ms Creaven said.

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Furthermore, her son, who is a nurse, cannot stay at his mother's home during the week when he is on night-duty, because he is not able to sleep with the noise coming from the Grangegorman works. "It's noise pollution and it's extremely difficult to live here," she said.

Marianne Lee also lives close to the perimeter. She says she can't continue to live with the current level of disruption.

"I work from home but the noise is just so bad I'm going to have to start considering options," Ms Lee said.

"I've already moved from the front to the back of the house and this isn't a two-year project; this is a several year project. There is going to be more than 20,000 students here. I just can't go on like this," she said.

Mr Kinsella, who has been living in his home for 60 years, also raised concerns that the constant building work was causing his home extension to leak. "I cannot say that the heavy vibrations are or are not causing it, but we have never had a leak before," Mr Kinsella said.

However, a spokesman for the Grangegorman Development Agency, said that a "vibration monitor" was placed on the property of Mr Kinsella and that "nothing above maximum permitted levels were observed".

"The Grangegorman Development Agency works with all of the contractors on-site and with the surrounding community to ensure that there is minimum impact on the surrounding neighbourhood," he added. Up to 1,000 of DIT's students are to move into the new campus from September 8.

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