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CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

An Taisce,
The National Trust for Ireland,
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Dublin 8, D08 X2A3
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22nd September 2023

RE: Application for Approval made under Section 177(AE) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for proposed improvement works to St Brigids Section E and the development of an extension to the existing Burial Ground at Drumcliff, Ennis, Co. Clare

A Chara,

We write to you under the provisions of Section 177AE(4)(b) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), to give notification that Clare County Council (Comhairle Contae an Chláir) are proposing to seek approval for a proposed Burial Ground Extension along with improvement works to the existing Section E (St Brigid's) at Drumcliff, Ennis, Co. Clare from An Bord Plenala, under the provisions of Section 177AE(3) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Drumcliff Burial Ground is the County Burial Ground and is located north of Ennis town close to Drumcliffe Church and Round Tower. Drumcliffe Water Treatment Plant is to the south of the Burial Ground. Ballyallia Lake (an SAC & SPA) is located to the north and the River Fergus (SAC) to the east. The planning application seeks to extend the existing burial ground. The proposed development site is currently greenfield, is located south and adjacent to the existing Drumcliff Burial Ground. The site is accessed from the Drumcliff road which runs adjacent to the western boundary of the existing Drumcliff burial ground. In addition, improvement works are proposed to the existing St Brigid's Section (Section E) which is currently in use but nearing capacity.

The proposed development will include the following:-

- An addition of 350 double plots including provision for ash plots.
- Access road improvements including lay-bys, turning circle and traffic calming measures.
- Parking, Drainage & Footpaths.
- Planting and landscaping including Columbarium and Reflectance Garden.
- Associated Site Works.

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An Appropriate Assessment(AA) screening report was prepared. As a result, a Natura Impact Statement has been prepared as part of the application for approval in respect of the proposed development.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report has also been completed in support of the application. It concluded that an EIA is not required.

An Bord Pleanála may give approval to the application with or without conditions and may refuse the application.

A copy of the plans and particulars of the proposed development, the Natura Impact Statement and the Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be placed on public display for a period of 6 weeks between **22nd September 2023 and the 8th November 2023** at the following locations:

- The planning offices of Clare County Council, Aras Chontae an Chlair, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare V96 DXP2 during its public opening hours
- The offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902, between the hours of 9:15am and 5:30pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays).
- The Council's website at <https://yoursay.clarecoco.ie/drumcliffbgextension>

Submissions or observations on the proposed development in relation to –

- i. the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area concerned,
- ii. the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- iii. the likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European Site, if carried out,

may be made in writing to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin, D01 V902 before 8th November 2023 at 5:30pm.

A person may question the validity of any such decision by An Bord Pleanála by way of an application for judicial review under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986) in accordance with section 50 of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 (as amended).

Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading Publications – Judicial Review Notice on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information website www.citizensinformation.ie

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If you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact:

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Yours Faithfully,

Jason Murphy,
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