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Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting of all available members held on 19/07/2018.

The Board decided to refuse permission by a majority of 7:1 for the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations

The proposed development, by reason of the siting of the chapel and associated carpark on a highly sensitive site consisting of a known and historic burial ground, involving development both between and above existing graves, would seriously interfere with the integrity and setting of individual graves and of St Pauls Cemetery. As such, it would seriously erode and interfere with the cultural, historic and social heritage of the cemetery, which the Board considers important to protect, and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The proposed development would contravene Policy CHC9 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 'to preserve known burial grounds and disused historic graveyards, where appropriate, to ensure that human remains are re-interred, except where otherwise agreed with the National Museum of Ireland'. In this regard, it is not considered that the burial ground will be appropriately preserved in accordance with development plan policy. The proposed development would therefore contravene the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 and, as such, the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission, the Board considered that despite the technology proposed and method advanced to preserve the existing graves in St Pauls Cemetery, the principle of the proposed development, by its nature, was not consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area as it would interfere with the integrity and setting of the graves and cemetery and as such would seriously injure the amenities of the area.

Board Member

Date: 20/07/2018

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