



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2017

Planning Authority: Dublin City Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 3930/17

APPEAL by Alan Harmon of Bourke's Funeral Directions, 71 Queen Street, Dublin against the decision made on the 20th day of November, 2017 by Dublin City Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Glasnevin Trust care of O'Daly Architects, 12 Garville Road, Rathgar, Dublin.

Proposed Development The development at a burial site will consist of the construction of a single-storey chapel building 7.5 metres high to accommodate 100 people attending funeral services. It is proposed that the building will have a service block at each end to accommodate a main entrance, office, store, kitchenette and toilets at the south end and two number robing rooms for celebrants, store, toilets, coffin storage and plant room with further plant on the roof over, concealed behind a parapet, at the north end. It also includes the provision of a car park for 74 spaces, extension of the road system to service the new building and installation of reflective water pools within a walled garden which will commemorate those buried on the site all at Saint Paul's Cemetery, Claremont Lawns/Clareville Lawns, Clareville Grove, Finglas Road, Glasnevin, Dublin.

Decision

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the reasons and considerations set out below.

Matters Considered

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard. Such matters included any submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.

Reasons and Considerations

1. The proposed development, by reason of its siting of the chapel and associated car park on a highly sensitive site consisting of a known and historical burial ground, involving development both between and above existing graves, would seriously interfere with the integrity and setting of individual graves and of Saint Paul's 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.

2. The proposed development would contravene Policy CHC9 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016 to 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 to 2022 and be contrary to 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 Saint Paul’s 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.

Terry Prendergast
Member of An Bord Pleanála
duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.

Dated this day of 2018.