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26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**RE: APPLICATION TO AN COIMISIÚN PLEANÁLA FOR APPROVAL FOR 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) intends to seek approval of An Coimisiún Pleanála under Section 177AE of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the Development of an extension to the existing Burial Ground at Drumcliff Burial Ground located at the Townland of Drumcliff, Ennis, Co. Clare.

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.

The proposed development comprises the development of an extension to the existing Burial Ground at Drumcliff, Ennis, Co Clare. The development will include:

- An addition of circa 413 double plots (or 826 single plots).
- Provision for ash plots to existing St. Brigid's Section E of existing Burial Ground.
- Access road improvements including lay-bys, turning circle and traffic calming measures.
- Provision of columbarium walls with circa 470 niches.
- Parking; 23 standard spaces, 6 designated spaces for people with disabilities.
- Footpaths and the provision of access ramps.
- Drainage, landscaping works, and planting.
- Associated Site Works.

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.

**Roinn Tuaithe agus Pobail**  
**Stiúrthóireacht Forbairt Pobail**

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

An electronic copy of the application documents is available via the download link in the accompanying email.

An Coimisiún Pleanála may give approval to the application for development with or without conditions or may refuse the application for development.

A copy of the Natura Impact Statement, the Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report and the Plans & Particulars of the proposed development can be inspected free of charge or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the following locations from **26th September 2025, up to and including 11th November 2025**:

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 Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902, between the hours of 9:15am and 5:30pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays).

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 Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin, D01 V902 from 26th September 2025 and must be received no later than 5:30pm on 11th November 2025.**

A person may question the validity of any such decision by An Coimisiún 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](http://www.pleanala.ie) or on the Citizens Information website [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

Ann Reynolds,  
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