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An Coimisiún Pleanála
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20th February 2026

Planning Ref: 323742-25

**RE: Submission of Further Information – Section 177AE Application
Improvement Works to St Brigid’s Section E and Extension of Drumcliff Burial
Ground, Ennis, Co. Clare**

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Clare County Council wishes to emphasise the critical and urgent need for the proposed extension to Drumcliff Burial Ground.

Drumcliff is the principal county burial ground serving the large and growing population of Ennis Municipal District and the wider County of Clare. Section E (St. Brigid’s), the only currently operational section where new burial plots are available for purchase, is projected to reach full capacity in less than two years.

Under Sections 160, 172 and 173 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878, Clare County Council has a statutory duty to provide sufficient burial space and to uphold the right of burial for the people of Clare. Failure to provide this extension would leave the Council unable to meet its legal obligations and would cause significant distress to families across the county at a time of bereavement.

The proposed development will deliver approximately 413 double plots (826 single plots) together with columbarium niches and associated improvements. This is essential infrastructure that is required immediately to ensure continuity of burial provision for the next decade and beyond.



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We therefore respectfully ask An Coimisiún Pleanála to give full weight to this pressing public interest when determining the application.

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Leonore O'Neill

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