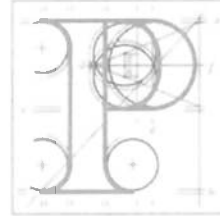


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An
Coimisiún
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Uisce Éireann Uisce Éireann
c/o Martha Gilligan
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Date: 11 November 2025

Re: Proposed development comprises the development of an extension to the existing Burial Ground at Drumcliff Burial Ground located at the Townland of Drumcliff, Ennis, Co. Clare
Drumcliff, Ennis, Co. Clare

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Coimisiún Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

Please note that the proposed development shall not be carried out unless the Commission has approved it with or without modifications.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Commission at laps@pleanala.ie

Please quote the above mentioned An Coimisiún Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached Uisce Éireann's observations for case An Coimisiún Pleanála - Case reference: JP03.323742.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Martha Gilligan
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Is don duine amháin nó don eintiteas amháin ainmnithe ar an seoladh an fhaisnéis agus d'fhéadfadh ábhar faoi rún, faoi phribhléid nó ábhar atá íogair ó thaobh na tráchtála de a bheith mar chuid den fhaisnéis. Tá toirmeasc ar aon daoine nó aon eitis; nach dóibh siúd an fhaisnéis- aon athbhreithniú a dhéanamh, aon atarchur a dhéanamh nó aon athdháileadh a dhéanamh, nó aon úsáid eile a bhaint as an bhfaisnéis, nó aon ghníomh a bhraithfeadh ar an bhfaisnéis seo a dhéanamh agus d'fhéadfaí an dlí a shárú dá ndéanfaí sin. Séanann Uisce Éireann dliteanas as aon ghníomh agus as aon iarmhairt bunaithe ar úsáid neamhúdraithe na faisnéise seo. Séanann Uisce Éireann dliteanas maidir le seachadadh iomlán agus ceart na faisnéise sa chumarsáid seo agus séanann Uisce Éireann dliteanas maidir le haon mhoill a bhaineann leis an bhfaisnéis a fháil. Má

tá an ríomh-phost seo faighte agat trí dhearmad, déan teagmháil leis an seoltóir más é do thoil é agus scrios an t-ábhar ó gach aon ríomhaire. D'fhéadfadh ríomhphost a bheith so-ghabhálach i leith truaillithe, idircheaptha agus i leith leasuithe neamhúdaraíthe. Séanann Uisce Éireann aon fhreagracht as athruithe nó as idircheapadh a rinneadh ar an ríomhphost seo nó as aon dochar do chórais na bhfaighteoirí déanta ag an teachtaireacht seo nó ag a ceangaltáin tar éis a sheolta. Tabhair faoi deara go bhféadfadh monatóireacht a bheith á dhéanamh ar theachtairreachtaí chuig Uisce Éireann agus ó Uisce Éireann d'fhonn ár ngnó a chosaint agus chun a chinntiú go bhfuiltear ag teacht le beartais agus le caighdeáin Uisce Éireann. Is cuideachta gníomhaíochta ainmnithe é Uisce Éireann atá faoi theorainn scaireanna, a bunaíodh de bhun fhorálacha na n-Achtanna um Sheirbhísí Uisce 2007-2022, a bhfuil a bpríomh-ionad gnó ag Teach Colvill, 24-26 Sráid na Talbóide, BÁC 1.

Go raibh maith agat as d'aird a thabhairt.

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Thank you for your attention.

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Planning Ref: An Coimisiún Pleanála - Case reference: JP03.323742

Planning Authority: Clare County Council

Issue Date: 10 November 2025

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Development Location:

Drumcliff, Ennis, Co. Clare

Development Description:

Proposed development comprises the development of an extension to the existing Burial Ground at Drumcliff Burial Ground located at the Townland of Drumcliff, Ennis, Co. Clare

A Chara,

Please accept this submission in respect to the above-referenced planning application. Uisce Éireann (UE) has reviewed the plans and particulars submitted with the application and have the following observation(s).

The proposed cemetery extension is located in the Zone Of Contribution (ZOC) for the Ennis Public Water Supply (PWS) located 750 m from the Drumcliffe spring abstraction point. It is located within the inner source protection zone as mapped by the GSI, while the Poulacurry swallow hole which is connect to the Drumcliff Spring is located 250 m from the site. The Ennis PWS is vital water supply supplying approx. 29,000 people in Ennis and the surrounding area.

UE has undertaken a review of the Hydrological and Hydrogeological Assessment and requests that the development be conditioned as follows:

1. Given the sensitivity and importance of the underlying groundwater, Uisce Éireann requests that this risk is further assessed in accordance with published guidance, and that this assessment is submitted to Uisce Éireann for review prior to commencement. Whilst there is no published Irish guidance to assess the potential risk from graveyards, there is UK guidance that could be applied to the site:

- o Northern Ireland - Cemeteries | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs & AE1 19 573678 Practice Guide - Cemeteries, Burials and the Water Environment 2019(2).pdf
- o UK - Cemeteries and burials: groundwater risk assessments - GOV.UK; and Protecting groundwater from human burials - GOV.UK

2. The documents submitted with the application assess potential impacts from contaminants associated with cemeteries noting both ammonia and nitrates. There are a number of additional potential contaminants of concern associated with graveyards that should also be considered as part of a revised assessment to be submitted to Uisce Éireann prior to commencement. This includes (but not limited to) chloride, sulphate, potassium, phosphorus and formaldehyde.

3. The documents submitted with the application outline and draw attention to low reported concentrations of ammonia and nitrate at Drumcliff Springs, referencing data from 2003 – 2004 which is over 20 years ago. A more up to date review data relating to the underlying groundwater quality should be undertaken to consider the potential risk to groundwater, and submitted to Uisce Éireann prior to commencement. The EPA monitors the Ennis (IE_SH_G_080) groundwater body at Drumcliff Springs and data from 2010 – 2025 is available for download WFD Application - Data Download

4. A revised Site Investigation Report providing associated photographs referenced to each of the detailed trail pit logs undertaken as part of the intrusive investigation, shall be submitted to Uisce Éireann prior to commencement.

Uisce Éireann's Standard Condition(s):

The applicant shall enter into a Connection Agreement(s) with Uisce Éireann to provide for a service connection(s) to the public water supply and/or wastewater collection network and adhere to the standards and conditions set out in that agreement.

All development shall be carried out in compliance with Uisce Éireann's *Standard Details and Codes of Practice*.

Uisce Éireann does not permit Build Over of its assets. Where the applicant proposes to build over or divert existing water or wastewater services the applicant shall have received written Confirmation of Feasibility (COF) of Diversion(s) from Uisce Éireann prior to any works commencing.

Reason: To provide adequate water and wastewater facilities.

Queries relating to the terms and observations above should be directed to planning@water.ie

Signed on behalf of Dermot Phelan
Connections and Developer Services