



An
Bord
Pleanála

Observation on a Large-scale residential development Appeal: Form

Your details

1. Observer's details (person making the observation)

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

Your full details:

(a) Name

Avril O Brien

(b) Address

74 Elm grove, sallybrook, Glanmire, Cork

Agent's details

2. Agent's details

If an agent is making your observation, please provide their details below. If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

Click or tap here to enter text.

(b) Agent's address

Click or tap here to enter text.

Postal address for letters

3. During the appeal process we will post information and items to you **or** to your agent. For this observation, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only.)

You (the observer) at the address in Part 1

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The agent at the address in Part 2

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Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the appeal you wish to make an observation on. If you want, you can include a copy of the planning authority's decision as the observation details.

(a) Planning authority

(for example: Ballytown City Council)

Cork City Council

(b) An Bord Pleanála appeal case number (if available)

(for example: ABP-300000-19)

324153

(c) Planning authority register reference number

(for example: 18/0123)

2544442

(d) Location of proposed development

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

Bessborough, Ballinure, Blackrock, Cork

Observation details

5. Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below or you can attach them separately.

Between 1922 and 1998, this site was a Mother and baby home. It is unknown how many children are buried on the site and this has not been investigated yet. The legacy of Mother and Baby homes has only recently been brought to air in Irish society. The work of acknowledging this past has barely begun. Bessborough only closed in 1998. Mothers who gave birth there are still alive. My observation is on the grounds that the bodies of their children will be disturbed by diggers etc without time for a full integration of acknowledgement that they exist. There are no markers on their graves. There will never be a chance to honour their short lives if they become part of the foundations of this large scale development. They were treated so appallingly when they lived that their lives were cut short. This development would be the final mark of an uncaring society.

Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct [fee](#) is included with your observation. You can find out the correct fee to include in our [Fees and Charges Guide](#) on our website.

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