



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

Click or tap here to enter text.

Kieran Coughlan

(b) Address

Ardnabourkey Road

Ballinookera

Whitegate

Co. 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

Not applicable

(b) Agent's address

Not applicable

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)

LH28.324153

(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.

The planning has been granted by Cork City Council subject to 70 conditions. At least 5 sections of the 70 conditions refer to discovery of human remains potential in the construction of this site and the need for expertise in juvenile skeletal remains. This outlines that this is not an ordinary site.

Of the more than 923 babies who died at Bessborough or in Cork hospitals having been transferred from the mother and baby home over seven decades, fewer than 70 have known burial sites.

The original site of Bessborough was 210 acres. 150 acres has already been built on providing housing, a hospital, offices and a retail park.

The remaining 60 acres surrounding the buildings must be preserved in remembrance of the 923 babies that died, the 31 women that died, and the nearly 19,000 women and children that went through Bessborough, the majority separated through forced adoption.

To this date the grounds of Bessborough have never been fully examined. It would be unconscionable to build over this site.

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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