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The proposed Burial Ground in Loganstown, Trim will be a multi denominational burial garden and similar to other Burial Grounds constructed by Meath County Council burial will be a place for respect, reflection and remembrance. There will also be an area of the burial ground which will have a garden style and will offer a number of options for burials and cremated remains including green burials, traditional burials, columbarium walls, burial of ashes, etc. It is proposed to develop future sites in a sustainable, climate action friendly manner using natural products and low carbon construction and it is a goal to

make the sites self-sufficient in energy needs. It is recognised that burial gardens also have an amenity benefit and any surplus land purchased for burial gardens will be used for tree planting and the creation of a bio-diversity areas, this is supported by the Climate Action Strategy for the County.



Above: Example of Burial Garden with small plots for the internment of Urns to ground



Above: Example of Columbarium Wall in Burial Garden for the internment of Urns

General – Development Plan

Under the Planning and Development Act 2000, the Planning Authority can include objectives for the purpose of reserving land for burial grounds. The individual Local Area Plans and Graig Design Statements examine the adequacy of the existing facilities to cater for the plan period and can reserve lands within each development centre for burial ground facilities as required.

Meath County Council has included the following policies and objectives in the Social Strategy of the Meath County Development Plan 2021 – 2027:

SOC POL 43 To facilitate and support the development of multi-denominational burial grounds, taking cognisance of the needs of multi-faith and non-religious communities and evolving trends in end of life management.

SOC POL 44 To facilitate the provision of new burial grounds, facilities and the extension of existing cemeteries, as appropriate, to cater for the needs of the County.

SOC POL 45 To encourage local community groups to develop, manage and maintain burial facilities.

SOC POL 46 To protect the cultural heritage of historical burial grounds within the County and to encourage their management and maintenance in accordance with best conservation practice.

SOC OBJ 22 To facilitate the development of new or extended burial grounds and crematoria by reservation of land at suitable locations and provision of local authority burial grounds subject to appropriate safeguards with regard to ground and surface water, environmental, noise and traffic impacts.

Existing Trim Cemetery

The existing cemetery at 'St Lomans' which is located on Newhaggard Street in Trim is at capacity and there is a pressing need to provide for a new burial ground. Consideration was given to extending the existing facility on lands zoned to the rear, but this did not prove feasible as it adjoins zoned lands and due to the topography of the land and in particular the steep slope and presence of rock encountered during site investigations.



Above: Aerial Image of St. Lomans Cemetery, Newhaggard Road, Trim - May 2020

Identification of Suitable Lands

Due to the pressing need to obtain suitable lands for a new burial ground, various requests and approaches were made to local land owners in an effort to identify a suitable portion of land. It must be stated that the assistance of local land owners and the local elected members is appreciated in this regard. Potential sites were examined at Dogstown, Trim and land on the Summerhill Road in Trim but were deemed unsuitable due to high water table and the presence of rock.

Constraints

Despite the fact that the identification of a suitable portion of land as a burial ground in Trim has been a priority of Meath County Council and the Trim Municipal District for some considerable time the task proved extremely difficult due to a raft of constraints including (1) the protection of ground water sources, (2) unsuitable lands because of soil conditions, (3) high water table and (4) failure of land owners to consider the sale of lands for a burial ground.

Proposed Option

Despite the above a portion of land at Loganstown, Trim was identified and is now the proposed option. This land is located approximately 3 km from St Lomans Cemetery and 2km east of Trim Town near the Navan to Trim Regional Road. The lands lie outside the development boundary of the town. However, no suitable or available land could be located within the development boundary. As outlined above the current burial ground is at capacity and it is imperative to advance the planning process on these lands at the most expedient time the legislation allows. Given the difficulty in identifying a suitable parcel of land in or around the town of Trim, the Council and their agents have acquired a thorough knowledge of potential sites. In this regard this is one of the few suitable sites in the general Trim area.

Proposed Burial Ground at Loganstown, Trim, Co. Meath

The proposed site comprises of 13 acres of agricultural land which is in the full ownership of Meath County Council. The site is bordered by agricultural land and residential dwellings. The proposed site is located 385 metres north of the River Boyne. The land is currently being used for cattle grazing and silage. The proposed planning application will involve development consisting of the construction a Burial Ground on approximately 7 acres of the landholding which will provide for 2400 single burial plots and will have a total capacity of 7,200 if coffins are triple stacked. There will also be a burial garden and separate Columbarium wall for the interment of urns. Graves will be dug to a maximum dept of 2.1 metres. A caretaker's office, canteen and public toilet will also be provided. It is also intended to construct a 2m wide footpath for a distance of approximately 500 metres from the Burial ground towards Trim Town which will join the existing footpath on the Navan Road.

While the construction of the footpath is considered exempted development, it will form part of the proposed planning application. The land to the rear of the proposed Burial ground will be leased out for agricultural proposed and may be used in future for an extension to the BG or for other local amenities. Any such extensions or development will be subject to Part 8 Planning



Above: Site Location of proposed Burial Ground at Logasntown, Trim

Site Suitability Investigation

In early 2021, a soil investigation survey was commissioned of the land identified at Loganstown, Trim to establish the suitability of the land for a Burial Ground and the installation of a priority wastewater treatment system.

In this regard the services of Dr Robert Meehan, BA, Ph.D., PGeo, EurGeol were commissioned. Dr Meehan also prepared a site characterisation and assessment for a

proposed WWTP and percolation area for the maintenance/office facility at the proposed burial ground. His report is also attached as is the copy of the proposed treatment system. The result of these tests found that the identified lands to be suitable for a Burial Ground.

Proposed Site Service

It is proposed to service the site using the public watermain which is located to the front of the site and an O'Reilly Oaktown BAF Proprietary Wastewater treatment System and percolation area will service the caretaker office and public toilets. It is intended to manage Surface water generated from the access road, car park and internal burial garden roads using a surface water drainage system that will utilize an attenuations system with Hydro brake which will discharge clean water to a dry ditch in full complaints with SUDS (Sustainable Drainage Systems). Prior to discharge all surface water will go through a Kingspan Klargester Class 1 petrol interceptor as a precautionary measure should there be any spillages in the car park of the Burial Ground

Public Lighting will be provided on the access road, car park and burial garden and will be set on a winter and summer hours. Energy Efficient LED lights will be used with photo cells. See lanterns details attached. The public lighting will be designed to ensure adequate lighting levels will be provided where necessary.

Screening for Appropriate Assessment

As part of the site investigations into the proposed development it was necessary to carry out Screening for Appropriate Assessment. An Ecologist, Noreen McLoughlin was engaged by Meath County Council to carry out the screening and copy of her reports is included with the application. In summary Ms *McLoughlin concludes in her report that 'an AA of the proposed development is not required as it can be excluded, on the basis of objective information provided in this report, that the proposed development, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will not have a significant effect on any European sites'*

Layout Plans

The proposed development is shown on layout plans and engineering details shown on the drawings, specifications and plans prepared by the Environment Section of Meath County Council.

Register of Documents

- 1. Loganstown Burial Ground Planning Application Report
- 2. Hydrogeological Investigation into sub-soils of the proposed Trim Burial Ground, at Loganstown, Trim, Co Meath.
- 3. Site Characterisation and Assessment for Proposed Maintenance / Office Facility at Proposed Burial Ground in Loganstown, Trim, Co Meath.
- 4. Oakstown BAF System, Meath County Council, Environmental Section, Loganstown, Trim, Co Meath: O'Reilly Oakstown Environmental
- 5. Appropriate Assessment Screening
- 6. Meath County Council Drawings

Drawing	Title	Scale
Number		
01	Site Location Map	1:2500
02	Existing Topographical Survey	1:1000
03	Site Layout Plan 1	1:1000
04	Site Layout Plan 2	1:500
05	Sight Line Drawing	1:500
06	Caretaker Office/Facility/Toilets Building Drawing	1:100
07	Surface Water Drainage Layout	1:1000
08	Proposed Public Footpath and Road Widening	1:1000
08A	Proposed Public Footpath and Road Widening	1:500
09	Burial Ground Cross Sections	As per Dwg
10	Entrance Details	As per Dwg

- 7. Storm Tech Attenuation System Brochure
- 8. Klargester Petrol Interceptor Brochure
- 9. Example of Public Lighting Specification
- 10. Site Notice
- 11. Copy of Newspaper Notice
- 12. Meath County Council Appropriate Assessment Determination
- 13. Part 8 EIA Screening Procedure

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