



**Cork
County Council**
Comhairle Contae Chorcaí

**Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media and
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2nd June 2022

RE: Application for Approval made under Section 177(AE) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for a Proposed Cemetery Extension at Tooreennagrena, Rockchapel, Co. Cork

A Chara,

We write to you under the provisions of Section 177AE (4)(b) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as inserted by Section 57 of the Planning & Development (amendment) Act 2010), to give notification that Cork County Council (Comhairle Contae Chorcaigh) are proposing to seek approval for a proposed cemetery extension at Tooreennagrena, Rockchapel, Co. Cork from An Bord Pleanála, under the provisions of Section 177AE (3) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as inserted by Section 57 of the Planning & Development (amendment) Act 2010).

The proposed works are to be carried out with in a site adjacent to the existing Rockchapel cemetery. The existing cemetery covers an area of approximately 0.58ha. and the proposed extension covers an area of 0.2055ha, and adjoins the Lower River Shannon Special Area of Conservation and Stack's to Mullaghareirk Mountains, West Limerick Hills and Mount Eagle Special Protection Area.

The proposed works are adjacent to the old graveyard at Rockchapel which is a Recorded Monument CO004-030.

The proposed improvement works will include the following:-

- Development of a new cemetery adjacent to the existing cemetery, consisting of 193 burial plots
- Construction of 6m wide roadway from public road to the new cemetery extension, incorporating a turning area at the entrance to new cemetery and complete with new 1.4m high fencing along the access road.
- Erection of new entrance walls and piers at the entrance from the public road.
- The site is to be levelled with gradual falls, rotavated, rolled and grass seeded.
- Construction of new 1.2m wide footpaths and reinforced concrete foundation beams
- Installation of French drain around the perimeter of the site

- Construction of a new 1.5M high plastered 225mm hollow block boundary wall complete with capping about the perimeter
- All associated site development and landscape works

A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been prepared in respect of the proposed works. An Bord Pleanála may give approval to the application with or without conditions or may refuse the application.

A copy of the plans and particulars of the proposed development and the Natura Impact Statement will be placed on public display for a period of 6 weeks between 2nd June and 18th July 2022 at the following locations:

- The consultation website of Cork County Council at <https://www.corkcoco.ie/en/planning>
- Newmarket Area Office, Cork County Council, West End, Newmarket, Co. Cork. between the hours of 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on each working day, by appointment with a member of the Council staff by calling the following phone number (029/60018) or by emailing kanturkmallow.md@corkcoco.ie
- The offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 between the hours 9:15am and 5:30pm Monday to Friday (Excluding Public Holidays)

Submissions and observations with respect to the proposed works, if carried out, may be made in writing to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 before **18th July 2022** at 5.30pm relating to:-

- (i) The implications of the proposed developments for proper planning and sustainable development in the areas concerned,
- (ii) The likely effects on the environment of the proposed developments, and
- (iii) The likely significant effects of the proposed developments on the European sites.

A person may question the validity of any such decision by the Board by way of an application for judicial review under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986) in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading Publications – Judicial Review Notice on the Board’s website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie

If you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact:

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