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PROPOSED EXTENSION TO THE CITY CEMETERY, DERRY



PUBLIC ON-LINE ENGAGEMENT EVENT



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Background

The City Cemetery was developed in the 1850's and is approaching the end of its existing new burial plot capacity.

Derry City and Strabane District Council are now looking at options to extend burial capacity within the West Bank of the City.

One of the options is to extend the existing City Cemetery by creating new burial plots on the 'green field' lands between Southway and the existing cemetery.



Need for Project & Purpose of this Event

Why do Council want to expand the existing City Cemetery?

At the current rate of new burial plot openings, the existing cemetery will reach capacity in a relatively small number of years.

By extending short term capacity at the City Cemetery, this will provide time for Council to development a new strategic cemetery elsewhere on the west bank of the City.

Why is Council engaging with you?

As a neighboring resident to the proposed new burial site, Council wants to give you as much detail as possible on its plans prior to submission of a planning application. Council also values your views on the proposals, to answer any questions or address any concerns you might have.

What are Council's Plans?

- New circa 1000 plot extension which will be accessed from the existing Cemetery road network
- Compensatory planting to encourage use of site by Red Squirrels
- Biodiversity Management Plan for the existing Woodland Trust site, with ownership reverting to Council.
- Benches and seating areas.
- Construction of the previously approved new access road to the existing cemetery from Southway

Project Benefits

- Council will manage and maintain the majority of the existing green space and trees between Kildrum Gardens and Southway.
- Anticipated reduction of current anti-social behaviour within the green space area.
- Enhancement of the flora and fauna within the green space area.
- New road entrance to City Cemetery off Southway will make for safer ingress and egress from the cemetery.
- Encouragement of greater biodiversity, including red squirrel activity in the area.

Proposed Site Extension Layout.



Typical Images of Proposed Site Works



How might the plans impact on me?

It is anticipated that it will take approximately 09 months to construct the new burial space.

During construction there may be works that cause some disruption to residents, however the contractor will be required to comply with all applicable Environmental Regulations such as noise, dust etc.

Construction access to the site will be mainly via the existing Cemetery, however there maybe occasions this may not be possible.

The new landscaped burial area will look different to the current Southway embankment but it will now obscure existing views from Kildrum Gardens of the Foyle and the Waterside beyond. A computer generated image of what the new area will look like when finished has been prepared.

View on Completion of Cemetery Extension





Any question?

How can you find out more?

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, Council are unable to undertake its normal face to face public engagement event for this project. Therefore, Council invites you return any comments you have on its plans, to arrive not later than two weeks from the date on this public consultation.

Either email: **capital.development@derrystrabane.com**

or write to: **Derry City & Strabane District Council,
Environment & Regeneration Directorate, 98 Strand Road,
Derry, BT48 7NN**

Alternatively, you can arrange to discuss the proposals with one of Council's project officers by phone, or video conferencing at a mutually convenient time. These arrangements can be confirmed by emailing capital.development@derrystrabane.com.

Thank you

Derry City and Strabane District Council would like to thank you for your time and cooperation for logging onto this presentation and engagement event.