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Mr Mike Melody,  
Galway County Council,  
County Hall,  
Prospect Hill,  
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Re: **Burial Ground Extension at Ballyconneely**

Dear Mike

Following an inspection the above proposed burial ground, I make the ensuing observations in relation to that site visit.

The proposed extension is to the east of the adjoining graveyard. The site slopes down in a northerly direction from the existing roadway. Trial holes were excavated in representative locations as agreed. The required depth of all the trial holes was achieved. There was approximately 0.5 of a metre depth of peat/soil at the top, in all trial holes with loose soils and gravel at lower levels. There was no water evident in any of the trial holes that were just recently excavated, but 24 hours later there was a water clearance of approximately 1.5 of a metre achieved.

Subject to the strict adherence to the following conditions there would be no public health objection to the use of this land as a burial ground.

- Land drainage both surface and sub-surface is required on all boundaries of the site. This is required to reduce the water table levels within the site. This drainage will also assist in removing excess water from the site in an efficient manner after heavy rainfall.
- The runoff from this drainage should be directed to the existing land drains located at a lower level to the north.
- It is recommended that each plot is a single person grave space unless the works as detailed above results in achieving a water clearance of greater than 2 metres.

Yours sincerely,



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Séamus Mitchell  
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