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Re Proposed Burial Ground Extension Lettermore, Co Galway.

A Chara,

With reference to the above I inspected 4 trial holes at the proposed site for a burial ground extension at the existing burial ground in Lettermore, Co. Galway on the 23rd of July 2024. Please see below the results of the trial hole tests following my assessment on this date.

Overview; The proposed site has a slight slope and will adjoin the exiting burial ground. It is noted that extensive excavation works have been carried out on the site to remove some of the existing rock and make the site more suitable. An additional layer of approximately 1.5ft of topsoil is also to be introduced across the existing site. The anticipated total number of plots provided for is 92 double plots.

Trial Hole	Result
Trial Hole 1	In excess of 6ft clearance. Small pooling of water evident. Heavy rain in the 24 hours preceding the site inspection.
Trial Hole 2	In excess of 6ft clearance. No pooling of water evident.
Trial Hole 3	7ft clearance. No pooling of water evident.
Trial Hole 4	In excess of 7ft clearance. No pooling of water evident.



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The overall quality of the soil examined in the site was reasonably good. Rock was present in some areas but was breakable. The site is determined as suitable for use as a burial ground provided that the addition 1.5ft topsoil is introduced when preparatory works are being completed. Access points including safe walkways are to be completed.

There are no objections from this department to the location of a burial ground extension on this site.

Should you require any further details please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

Peter Gaffey
Senior Environmental Health Officer.