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**Re Proposed Burial Ground Extension, Rinville Burial Ground, Rinville, Oranmore, Co Galway.**

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With reference to the above I inspected 4 trial holes at the proposed site on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023 Please see the results of the trial hole tests following my assessment on this date.

Overview; The proposed site is relatively flat with a slight slope and has an overall area circa 0.845 hectares including the access road. The total number of plots provided for is 691. There is a break between the old burial ground and the proposed extension in order to conserve an existing ring fort located there.

| Trial Hole   | Result                                       |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Trial Hole 1 | 8 ft clearance. No pooling of water evident. |
| Trial Hole 2 | 8 ft clearance. No pooling of water evident. |
| Trial Hole 3 | 8 ft clearance. No pooling of water evident. |
| Trial Hole 4 | 8 ft clearance. No pooling of water evident. |

The overall quality of the soil examined in the site was good. The site is determined as suitable for use as a burial ground.

**Assessment Update 1;** On 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024 I was contacted by Galway County Council who advised of the intention was to increase the size of the proposed burial ground by extending the area of land originally assessed for suitability.

The updated proposed burial ground measures a total area of 1.237 hectares consisting of 1878 single plots and 40 Urn Plots.

Galway County Council provided a report which included data on soil composition across the entire site. I am satisfied that the soil composition is quite consistent across the site.



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**Assessment Update 2;** On the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 I was again contacted by Galway County Council who advised that the plot numbers have reduced to 1734 single plots and Urn plots increased to 68 plots. The proposed burial ground measures a total area of 1.237 hectares.

There are no objections from this department to the extension of the burial ground on this site for the area outlined in the drawing reference GY46760F dated 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025.

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

Yours Sincerely

Peter Gaffey  
Senior Environmental Health Officer.