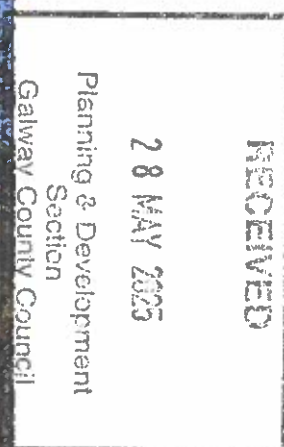


Re: Proposed graveyard development plan at Annaghdown

I Martin Lee am lodging an objection to the proposed graveyard on a number of issues that I am outlining below.

- 1. The proposed graveyard is not on the same road as the existing graveyard which is different to that stated in the Galway County Council planning submission.**
- 2. The new entrance off the main road leading to the new graveyard is on a small rural (Boreen) road that is a dead end.**
- 3. The access is totally insufficient for traffic on the day of a funeral. In the Galway County council submission, there is only parking for 32 cars. The dead-end road is going to be blocked for local residents, landowners and emergency services as you cannot account for traffic behaviour and with no traffic management risk assessment plan submitted by Galway County Council. This could lead to mayhem on the day of a funeral especially on a wet day.**
- 4. The proposed plan to lower the hill at the head of the boreen road also to widen it removing trees and hedgerows and replacing it with a fence. The natural landscape is going to change and have a negative impact locally.**

All this for a graveyard with a time span of 20-30 years and what then?



5. The County Galway Development plan for 2022-2028 section 15.10 for burial grounds and crematoriums states that
- “Proposals will be required to demonstrate a need for the development and that the proposal will not (i) create unacceptable traffic congestion, (ii) create car parking difficulties, (iii) cause a nuisance or detract from the amenities of existing residents or businesses.”
- The proposed plan for access to graveyard, parking and the destroying of a scenic road leading to views of Lough Corrib all contravene these points in the Galway Development Plan. Also in the Galway Strategic plan, it states that it wants to assist rural communities and promote natural resources in the local community.
6. We all understand the pressing need for a graveyard in Annaghdown but surely there is a better solution when adjacent land is for sale to solve parking and egress problems for traffic which would be a safer and better option.



Ruining the most scenic road in Annaghdown leading to beautiful views of Lough Corrib. Cutting trees and hedgerows to bring traffic down a dead-end small road to gain access to the graveyard is going to generate significant additional traffic which would pose a safety risk and disrupt existing traffic – these surely are valid reasons to object.

Thank you for giving me the time to write down my concerns that I have stated for you and hoping that you will take them on board and that the most scenic road in Annaghdown used daily by local walkers and cyclists will not be lost forever.

Martin Lee
Annaghdown, Co. Galway

Martin Lee 23/05/2025.

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