Our Case Number: ABP-317989-23

Planning Authority Reference Number: SD22A/0457



South Dublin County Council Planning Department County Hall Tallaght Dublin 24

Land Use Planning & Transportation

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**South Dublin County Council** 

Date: 23 January 2024

Re: The development will consist of a cemetery including: 8,047 no. traditional burial plots;

columbarium walls; 1 single storey reception building and all other associated site development

Citywest Hotel and Convention Centre, Saggart, Co. Dublin.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer to the above appeal.

It is a statutory objective of the Board to ensure that every appeal received is determined within eighteen weeks beginning on the date of receipt of that appeal. This is in accordance with section 126(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, (as amended). Where it appears to the Board that it would not be possible or appropriate to determine a particular appeal within this period, a notice must be sent to the parties in accordance with section 126(3)(a) of the Act.

The Board hereby serves notice under section 126(3)(a) that it will not be possible to determine the case within the statutory objective period due to a current significant backlog of cases at board level. This backlog has arisen in the context of reduced capacity at Board level in the first half of 2023 due to a turnover of board personnel in that period. Capacity at board level has since been restored by appointment of new board members and the Board is now addressing the existing backlog of cases. The Board regrets the delays in determining cases.

The Board now intends to determine the above appeal before 16th April, 2024.

The Board will take all such steps as are open to it to ensure that the appeal is determined before that date.

Yours faithfully,

Mary Tucker **Executive Officer** 

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