

**Proposed New Crematorium and Associated works at Shanganagh
Cemetery Shankill, Co Dublin .**

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General

This scheme proposes a new crematorium facility at Shanganagh Cemetery in Shankill Co Dublin. The facility is located in the vacant field between the two developed cemetery burial areas. It is bounded to the north by Shanganagh Park and to the south by the lands at Woodbrook. The existing car park, bring facility and the existing cemetery are situated along its eastern and western sides respectively.

The facility comprises a series of buildings that are carefully arranged on the site to create a series of unfolding experiences along a processional route and to offer solace to mourners by the spectacular views of Bray Head and the Sugarloaf Mountains to the south. The facility comprises the following buildings;

- An Upper and Lower Hall for conducting memorial ceremonies
- An administration building comprising staff facilities and public toilets
- A crematorium building
- A coffee and flower shop

The design also proposes;

- Additional car parking facilities
- A Columbarium wall
- New burial plots
- A Meadow
- A Woodland copse and walk
- A future pedestrian route to connect the Woodbrook LAP lands to Shanganagh Park

The facility in general is located away from current areas of public activity. It is screened from the existing carpark and sports club and the relocated recycling facility by a new 3m high hedge and a new woodland copse and from Shanganagh Park by additional tree belts. It is also sited away from the boundary of the Woodbrook Lands which will be developed in line with the adopted Local Area Plan.

Access to the facility is by means of the existing cemetery entrance road off the Dublin Road and via the existing car park. Visitors will enter through a tall hedge that will screen the new facility from the car park and the relocated recycling facility. A rearranged and expanded carpark is proposed along with a coffee shop, toilets and a flower selling facility. Mourners will then take a processional route following the funeral cars past a meadow leading to the Lower or Upper Hall. Each Hall has a hard landscaped forecourt for the funeral party with elevated views over the landscape to the south. The Halls are framed on their eastern side by the administration building that also contains toilet facilities and a comfort room for funeral parties. After the ceremony mourners will be guided back to the car park along a meandering woodland walk.

The crematorium building and associated staff parking is located to the west side of the site away from the areas of activity. It is set lower into the landscape is top light and is surrounded by trees and an embankment to minimise its visual impact.

Materials and Design.

It is the intention that this design will provide a dignified setting for end of life services and will capture the outstanding beauty of the landscape and long distance views to provide solace for the bereaved.

Both buildings are set on landscaped terraces formed by rubble granite work. The hard landscaped forecourts to each hall will provide an area for mourners to gather while waiting for ceremonies to commence. This hard landscape is in contrast to the soft landscaped surfaces of the meadow along the approach to the Halls and the paths of the woodland walk.

The buildings adopt an aesthetic of simple, white lime painted masonry, concrete and glass. The Upper Hall is a simple white cube with large high level windows that will provide a bright light filled interior. The Lower Hall by contrast is rectangular in shape with lower levels of interior lighting focused on views across a pool of water into the woodland.

Green roofs are provided throughout while water will be attenuated on site through infiltration beds. A localised waste water treatment plant will be provided and is the subject of detail design. A wayleave of 5m both sides of the Shanganagh Bray Pipeline is maintained.

Schedule of Areas

Site = 4.15 ha

New car spaces = 29

Internal Floor Areas:

- Hall 1 = 140sqm
- Hall 2 = 119sqm
- Admin/Crematorium = 320sqm
- Coffee/Flower Shop = 44sqm
- Public Toilets=13 sqm