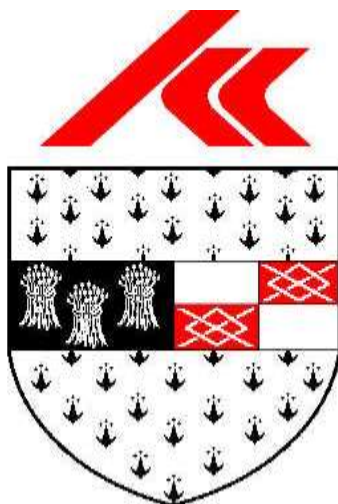


**KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Comhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh**



**PART 8 DISPLAY DOCUMENT**  
**EXPLANATORY BOOKLET**

**Columbarium Wall Garden**  
**St. Kieran's Cemetery Kilkenny**

**October 2021**

**Revision: F2**

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND PRINCIPLE FEATURES**

### **1.0 Brief description of the proposed works**

The proposal put forward provides for the following: -

- Site Clearance circa. 326m<sup>2</sup> for garden development;
- Provision of foundations and installation of pre-made Columbarium Wall units;
- Provision of paved areas from the exiting access road / path;
- Provision of seating; and
- Landscaping / Planting.



*Site Location*

### **2.0 Background and reasons for scheme**

In Q1 2021 a survey of existing funeral directors in Kilkenny and Crematoriums Nationally identified a need for a facility to accommodate cremated remains in Kilkenny. Funeral Directors indicated that there had been a significant rise in cremations in recent years, COVID-19 notwithstanding.

Following presentations to the Kilkenny Municipal District Meeting in March 2020 as well as the Plenary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council in June 2021 and the positive feedback received therein, a decision was made to proceed with planning for the provision of a Columbarium Wall Garden at St. Kieran's Cemetery via the Part 8 Planning process.

A Columbarium Wall is a structure or series of structures used for the respectful inurnment of human remains. It houses a collection of niches designed to receive a receptacle containing the cremated remains or ashes of family members. Each niche has an individual front section incorporating a memorial plaque. The cremated remains are placed behind the plaque in a receptacle or urn designed

specifically for that purpose. The memorial plaque is engraved with an inscription. Each niche can typically accommodate two cremated remains.



*Recently Opened Columbarium Wall Garden Killarney (December 2020)*

The Aim of the Proposed Development is:

- To provide an alternative option to traditional burials & inurnment of ashes in grave plots;
- To meet the needs of families within our diverse population who have made the choice to cremate their loved ones; and
- To extend the life span of an existing established cemetery for use by future generations.

This project is being designed managed and undertaken by the Environment Section of Kilkenny County Council, with input from Parks Section regarding landscape elements.

#### **4.0 Funding**

It is anticipated that this project will be funded directly by Kilkenny County Council from its own budget. The cost of the project will be subject to the outcome of a procurement process and consequently no decision has been made as of yet regarding the pricing of niches within the Columbarium Wall Garden.

## **5.0 Submissions**

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development will be carried out, may be made online at <https://consult.kilkenny.ie/>, in writing to the Planning Section, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny or sent to the following e-mail address: [Columbarium@Kilkennycoco.e](mailto:Columbarium@Kilkennycoco.e).

***The latest time and date for receipt of submissions on the development is 5.00pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2021.***

***Submissions should be clearly marked “Columbarium Wall Garden Part 8”***

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

See Separate Document:

(1) Part 8 Notice Columbarium Wall Garden F2.pdf

## **DRAWINGS**

See Separate Document:

(3) COLUMBARIUM-PD-001-002.pdf

**HABITATS DIRECTIVE PROJECT**  
**SCREENING ASSESSMENT**

See Separate Document:

(4) Habitats Directive Project Screening Assessment.pdf