
Addition of Saint George's Cemetery, Whitworth Road, Dublin 9 to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000.

Photographs of Structure



Procedure Followed

In accordance with the procedures set out in Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), Dublin City Council indicated its intention to add **Saint George's Cemetery, Whitworth Road, Dublin 9** to the Record of Protected Structures (RPS). The proposed addition was advertised in the Irish Independent on **Friday 1st of June 2018**. The public display period was from **Friday 1st of June 2018** to **Friday 13th of July 2018**, inclusive.

Request for Addition

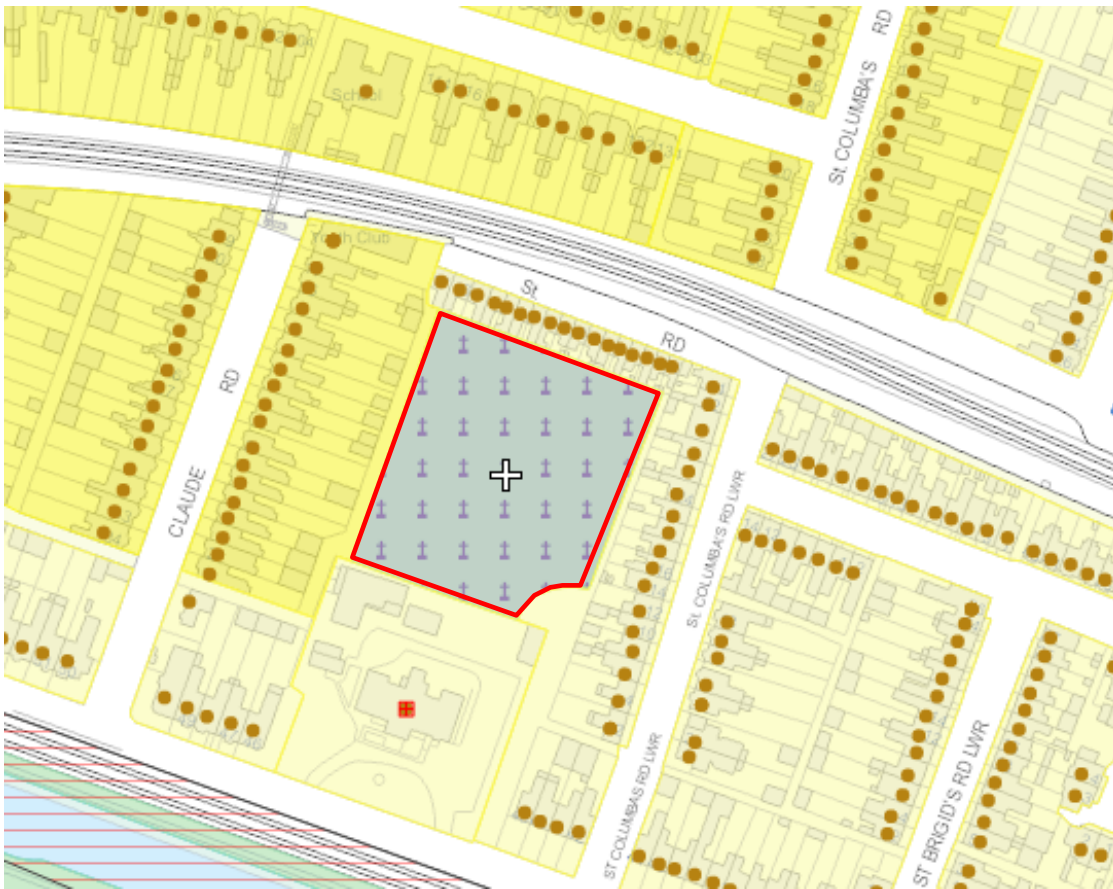
The request to assess the site came from the following:

- Councillor Andrew Keegan: Motion to North West Area Committee 21st November 2017: *That the Council start the process to add George's Cemetery to the list of Protected Structures. The cemetery is located at the back of the NCBI on Whitworth Road* (Ref NWA/245/2017).
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Summary of Applicants Reasons for Seeking Addition:

- Councillor Andrew Keegan: re: Area Committee Motion.
- The cemetery owners, the Representative Church Body of the Church of Ireland given its historical interest and to gain assistance for essential conservation repairs under the 2018 Built Heritage Investment Scheme.

Site Location & Zoning Map:



The area is zoned Zone 9: *To preserve, provide and improve recreational amenity and open space and green networks.*

Planning History:

There is no recent planning history

Summary Description & Historical Background:

Summary description: Enclosed Church of Ireland Cemetery established 1793, with upright and recumbent grave markers of varying materials and designs. Calp limestone boundary walls with formal entrance gate to southeast. The high boundary walls and delineated pathways are typical of a nineteenth-century garden cemetery, as opposed to a churchyard. The variety of designs found in the grave markers is significant in terms of artistic value. The site is further enhanced by the grave monument of Francis Johnston, one of the most important Irish architects of the Georgian period. His grave monument, built to his own design, is located to the north of the cemetery.

Historical Background: The site of St George's Cemetery is located just north of the Royal Canal. The land was donated by Luke Gardiner in 1793 as the site for a new church and cemetery for St George's parish. The church was not built here but was built instead at Hardwicke Place in 1814 to the design of Francis Johnston. It was a key element in Gardiner's ambitious urban design for the northward expansion of the city.

The Whitworth Road site was used as the cemetery serving the parish. The Whitworth Fever Hospital was built in 1818 to the front of the site (later Drumcondra Hospital) and has been occupied by the

NCBI since 1987. The cemetery contains a great many historic grave markers, including a number of elaborate monuments. It is important to the social history of the city, and requests for access by descendants of those buried there are received every month. It is the burial place of Francis Johnston, one of the most important Irish architects of the Georgian period, whose works include the GPO, Townley Hall, Co Louth and St George's Church, referred to above. Saint George's Church is regarded as the pinnacle of Francis Johnston achievements in Dublin and remains one of the highlights of Dublin's Georgian architectural heritage.



View of entranceway into cemetery



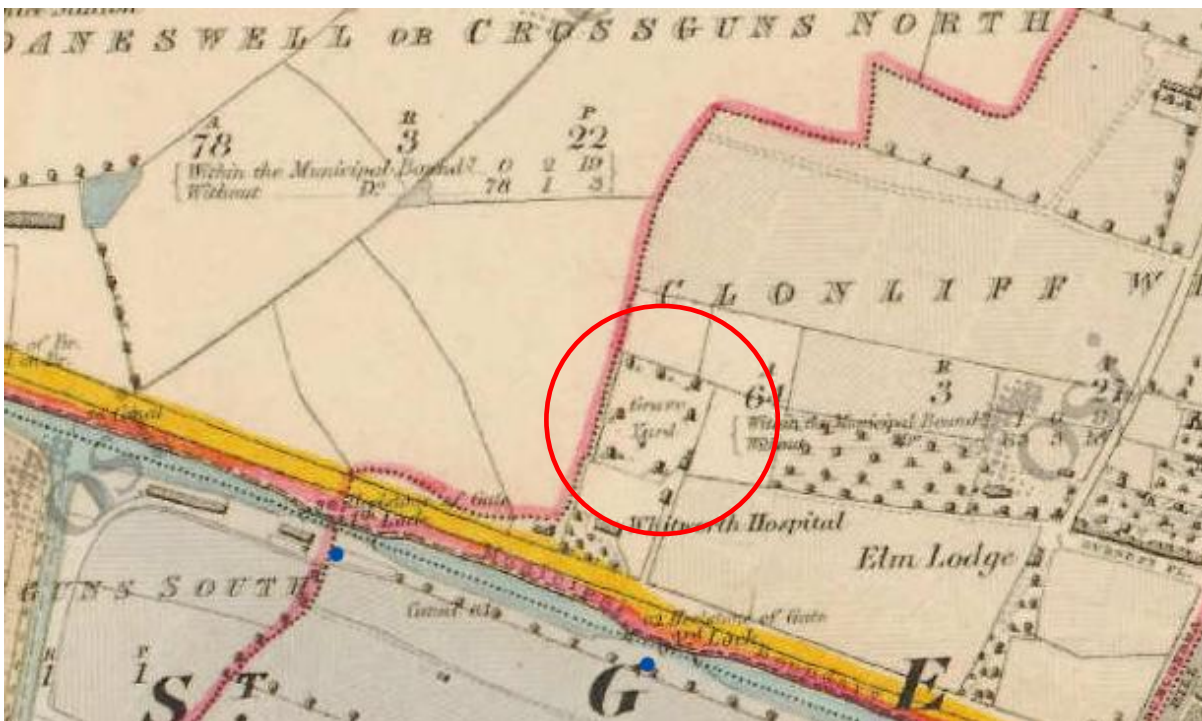
View of Saint George's Church on Hardwicke Place



View of Francis Johnston's tomb in Saint George's cemetery on Whitworth Road



View of tombs and grave markers



Extract from First Edition 1837 OS Map showing location of cemetery and the later Whitworth Hospital which was constructed in 1818 immediately to the south.

References:

Lotts Architecture 2018 *St Georges Graveyard Method Statement*. Unpublished report accompanying grant application.

Assessment of Special Interest under the Planning & Development Act 2000:

The cemetery is considered to be of the following special interest:

- **ARTISTIC:** The variety of designs found in the grave markers is significant in terms of artistic value.
- **HISTORICAL:** The site is further enhanced by the grave monument of Francis Johnston, one of the most important Irish architects of the Georgian period. His grave monument, built to his own design, is located to the north of the cemetery.
- **SOCIAL:** The cemetery is in no longer in active use but remains a significant part of the social fabric of the area, and an important social and historical reference.

Significance/NIAH Rating:

The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) has not been carried out for this area. The NIAH uses eight categories of special interest (architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, technical & social) and identifies five categories of rating in seeking to rank buildings. The NIAH rating values are International, National, Regional, Local and Record Only (I, N, R, L, O). Structures which are considered of International, National, and Regional significance are deemed worthy of inclusion on the RPS.

The cemetery is considered to be of Regional rating. *These are structures or sites that make a significant contribution to the architectural heritage within their region or area.* Therefore it is recommended for addition to the Record of Protected Structures.

Conclusion:

The Conservation Section has concluded that the cemetery merits inclusion on the Record of Protected Structures.

Submissions/ Objections Received:

None

Meeting of the Area Committee:

The proposed addition of the cemetery was brought forward to the North West Area Committee on Tuesday 15th of May 2018 where it was agreed by the elected members to initiate the procedure to add it to the RPS.

Recommendation to the City Council:

In accordance with Section 55 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, it is recommended that **Saint George's Cemetery, Whitworth Road, Dublin 9** be added to the Record of Protected Structures in the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022.

The making of any addition to the Record of Protected Structures is a reserved function of the City Council.

Proposed Entry	
<i>Address</i>	<i>Description</i>
Saint George's Cemetery, Whitworth Road, Dublin 9	Cemetery

Resolution:

"That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 217/2018 and approves the addition of Saint George's Cemetery, Whitworth Road, Dublin 9, to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000"

Paul Clegg

A/Assistant Chief Executive.

Dated: 16 August 2018