

## NOTIFICATION FROM DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

**Application ID:** LA05/2016/0700/O

Belfast City Council has been notified of the above planning application. This application is being dealt with by Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council.

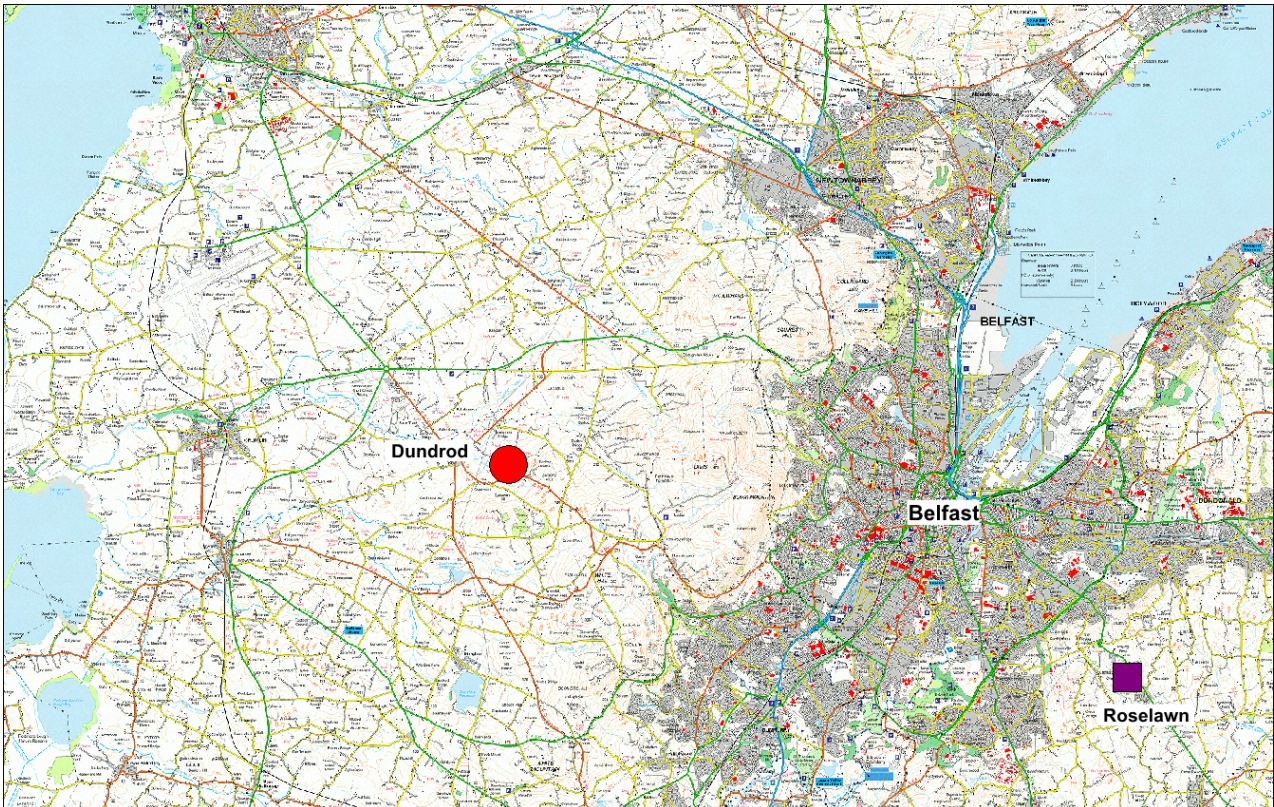
**Proposal:**  
Site for a new cemetery including ancillary reception building, maintenance depot, attenuation pond, bridges, new vehicular access, parking, waste water treatment works and demolition of existing farm buildings.

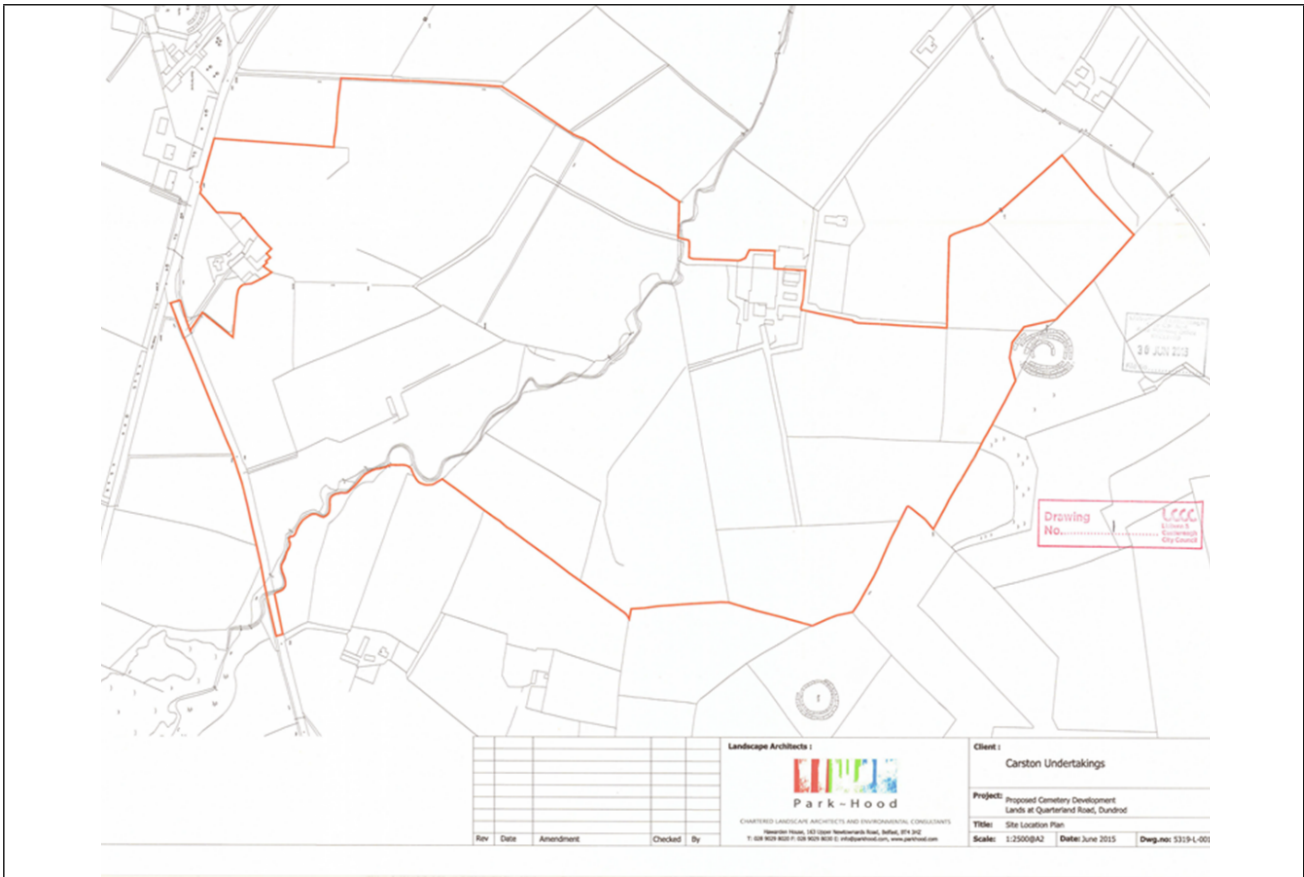
**Location:**  
Land North of No.10 Quarterland Road located between Carnaghliiss Road and Quarterland Road, Dundrod.

**Applicant Name**  
Carston Undertakings Ltd

**Agent Name and Address:**  
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### Site Location Map





**Background**

Full details of the planning application (drawings, reports and the Environmental Statement) can be accessed of the planning portal at <http://epicpublic.planningni.gov.uk>.

**Draft Response:**

Belfast City Council has no specific planning comments in relation to the merits of the submitted application.

We would however like to provide some contextual information in respect of the projected need and demand for burial provision.

As the Burial Board for Belfast, Belfast City Council’s current position is that we have limited burial capacity and the only new burial space has been developed at Roselawn, which lies outside the Council’s boundary to the East. To ensure that we have sufficient provision and in locations that serve all the residents of the city we have been searching for new burials lands since the 1990s. An extension to Roselawn Cemetery in the late 2000s provided the Council with a short to

medium term solution but it has not been possible to secure new burial land to provide the Council with a longer term solution. The Council is therefore continuing to explore options for addressing this longer term requirement, however, the specific requirements for burial land mean that any new capacity is only likely to be viable in areas outside of the Council's boundary.

In response to the continued challenges of securing provision the Council undertook a Review of its Burial Policy in 2015 and its findings included:

- That the complexity and specific requirements have resulted in limited progress in relation to provision of new capacity for the greater Belfast area.
- That Roselawn Cemetery by default increasingly fulfils a sub-regional role in providing service for a significant population other than Belfast City Council residents (in 2014 38% of all burials in Belfast City Council cemeteries were non-residents).
- That there is limited provision of burial space for residents in the north and west of Belfast resulting from closure of the City Cemetery to new burials and limited availability in Carmoney Cemetery.
- There is a trend towards cremation away as opposed to burials. The current level of cremation among Belfast City Council residents is 40.4% and is projected to reach 55% by 2025. However the only cremation facilities in Northern Ireland are currently at the City of Belfast Crematorium at Roselawn and it is currently operating at capacity.
- Roselawn currently has approximately 17 acres available that could provide for new burials.
- The provision of an additional 12 acres of burial land (in addition to the Roselawn capacity) would ensure projected capacity for a 20 year supply for Belfast residents. Taking account of an estimated 30% uplift to provide space for ancillary facilities and landscaping the projected site requirement is approximately 15.6 acres.