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ANNEX 1: SITE SUITABILITY CHECKLIST

Site Name:	
NGR of centre of site:	
PCS No: [to be completed by SEPA]	
Area of site (hectares)	
Burial rate (per year)	Varies 1 – 70 p.a. per site
Maximum depth of burial and method of body containment (m)	1.6m - Traditional coffin interments
Author:	
Date:	

Criteria	Y/N	Details	Location in report where more details can be found
Stage 1 Assessment			
1. Will burials be within 250m of potable groundwater abstractions; namely any spring, well or boreholes used as a source of drinking water?			
2. Will burials be within 50m of any other springs, wells or boreholes?			
3. Will burials be within 50m of any watercourse (loch, wetland, burns etc)?			
4. Will burials be within 10m of any field drain?			

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5. Will any burials be within an area of known or probable shallow mine workings?			
6. Is the development located within an area designated as Contaminated Land?			
7. Is the development located on land prone to flooding?			
Stage 2 Assessment			
8. Is there any rock outcropping at surface or exposed in investigations to at least 1m below the planned base of the lairs?			
9. Is the soil exposed by the investigations "coarse SAND", "GRAVEL" or coarser?			
10. Is there >1m between the planned base of the lairs and the annual maximum water table?			
Stage 3 Assessment (if required): Please provide a summary of the results of the more detailed assessment of ground conditions and/or of changes to the design of the cemetery to minimise pollutant loading			Location in report where more details can be found