

Cemetery Design Brief

Stratford-upon-Avon Town Council (the “Town Council”) want a design created to support a planning application for an expansion of the Evesham Road Cemetery. The Town Council is currently in the process of purchasing two separate pieces of land that adjoin the current cemetery site. These two pieces of land have previously been used as garden plots by residents of Bordon Place, which is the street closest to the land, with gardens of this street backing up to the land. It is proposed that these two pieces of land are put forward for use as a cemetery expansion.

The two pieces of land are referred to as the “North Site” and the “South Site”. As well as adjoining the current cemetery site, the North Site can be accessed directly from the Evesham Road. The South Site can be accessed via a separate footpath but does not have any direct access from an existing road. It is thought that each of the two sites will be formally commissioned as expansions to the existing cemetery at different times, enabling one of the sites to potentially be used for garden plots whilst burials are carried out in the other site. Therefore the design should enable both sites to be delivered separately, with any common elements being delivered ahead of the first site being commissioned.

General Design Points

Though the two sites will be delivered separately, both should consider the use of similar features to both themselves and that which can be observed from the existing cemetery. Where possible, existing trees and hedgerows should be incorporated into the design but the Town Council is not seeking to retain every existing tree or hedgerow.

Designs should consider the existing levels of the sites and any suitable levelling works and drainage as appropriate.

North Site Design

The North Site is approximately [] hectares in area. The Town Council would like the following features to be incorporated into a design.

- An access route of suitable width from the rear gardens of the properties from Bordon Place which immediately back on to the North Site, enabling pedestrian access to the Evesham Road.
- Low maintenance fencing enclosing the North Site so that it is not accessible to the public.
- Retention of the existing storage shed, located close to the Evesham.
- An access gate wide enough for a motor vehicle, close to the existing storage shed and allowing vehicular access from the Evesham Road.
- Retention of all healthy trees along the edge of the existing cemetery boundary.
- An upgrade of the existing path running from the east side of the chapel, running east to the path close to the existing cemetery boundary, which runs north to south, enabling transit of a mini excavator and the transit of coffins.

- Identification of a new path to enable entry to the North Site from the upgraded chapel path.
- Removal of the poor quality hedgerow starting at the most southern point of the North Site, running northwards along the existing cemetery boundary, which is effectively overgrown on top of a metallic picket fence.

South Site Design

The South Site is approximately [] hectares in area. The Town Council would like the following features to be incorporated into a design.

- An access route of suitable width from the rear gardens of the properties from Bordon Place which immediately back on to the South Site, enabling pedestrian access to the footpath to the east of the site.
- Low maintenance fencing enclosing the South Site so that it is not accessible to the public.
- Retention of the existing gate which allows access from the South Site to the existing cemetery site, which is not to be enclosed by the enclosing fence.
- Removal of the dying cherry tree located on the north to south running break within the existing graves running to the east to west access path in the southern part of the existing cemetery site.
- A new access located in with the existing cemetery running from the existing east to west access path in the southern part of the cemetery running north in the break between existing graves running to the large conifer tree located on the existing edge of the cemetery immediate bordering the south west corner of the South Site. This access should be suitable for a mini excavator and the transit of coffins.
- A new access through the existing hedge via the new path into the South Site.
- Retention of the existing hedge between the southern edge of the South Site and the existing cemetery.