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Briefing Note

Additional Plots in 'P Section'

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Introduction

This briefing note outlines a proposal to bring into use additional burial plots located at the lower end of the cemetery, to be designated as the 'P Section'. At the beginning of April, the cemetery had only three burial plots remaining, indicating limited short-term capacity. Since then, the previously approved 'S mound' extension has been brought into use, providing six additional plots, one of which has already been sold.

Further to this, and following the Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey, additional suitable space has been identified at the lower end of the cemetery (M and L sections). It is proposed that plots be created at the end of each row in this area to maximise capacity.

Works Required

The area is largely ready for use and requires minimal preparation. No physical groundworks are required, with the exception of rodding a small number of plots located near tree stumps to check for the presence of roots. Administrative actions will include:

- Allocation and numbering of 52 new burial plots
- Updating of the cemetery database
- Recording of the plots in burial registers and cemetery maps

Once completed, the plots will be available for use.

Justification

This proposal represents an increase in burial capacity at the lower end of the cemetery. A total of 52 new plots can be created in the 'P Section'. Demand for burial space remains steady, with 16 plots sold in the last year. While the six plots in the 'S mound' extension have helped address immediate need, this additional provision is required to meet ongoing demand.

In addition to increasing capacity, the introduction of the 'P Section' will:

- Provide greater choice of location for residents
- Support continued demand for burial space
- Help ensure medium-term sustainability of cemetery provision

Each burial plot will generate £500 in income, with additional revenue potential from:

- Double-depth interments: £250 (second interment)
- Ashes interments: £125 per set
- Memorial permits: £185 per application

There are also plans to install French drains in this lower area of the cemetery. This will help reduce water levels and improve ground conditions over time, supporting its long-term suitability for burials.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council approve the creation of 52 additional burial plots in the 'P Section' at the lower end of the cemetery and authorise their recording and release for use.

Cemetery map with location of additional 52 plots:

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Garden of Rest	L141	L112	L91	L62	Tree	L61	L21	L1
	L142	L113	L92	L63		L60	L22	L2
	L143	L114	L93	L64		L90	L23	L3
	L144	L115	L94	L65		L89	L24	L4
	L145	L116	L95	L66			L25	L5
	L146	L117	L96	L67			L26	L6
	L147	L118	L97	L68			L27	L7
	L148	L119	L98	L69			L28	L8
	L149	L120	L99	L70			L29	L9
	L150	L121	L100	L71			L30	L10
	L151	L122	L101	L72	L43	L31	L11	
	L152	L123	L102	L73	L44	L32	L12	
	L153	L124	L103	L74	L45	L33	L13	
	L154	L125	L104	L75	L46	L34	L14	
	L155	L126	L105	L76	L47	L35	L15	
	L156	L127	L106	L77	L48	L36	L16	
	L157	L128	L107	L78	L49	L37	L17	
	L158	L129	L108	L79	L50	L38	L18	
	L159	L130	L109	L80	L51	L39	L19	
	L160	L131	L110	L81	L52	L40	L20	
	L161	L132	L111	L82	L53	L41	L163	
	L162	L133	L136	L83	L54	L57	L164	
	P32	L134	L137	L84	L55	L58	L165	
	P33	L135	L138	L85	L56	L59	L166	
P34	P37	P40	L86	P43	P46	P50		
P35	P38	P41	L87	P44	P47	P51		
P36	P39	P42	L88	P45	P48	P52		
					P49			

Space at the end of each row

