

# Update on Cemetery Regulations

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## 1. REASON FOR ITEM

To update members on the operation of the cemetery regulations, since the adoption of the committee's review report recommendations.

## 2. INFORMATION

There is now a new Gurkha/Nepalese section at Cherry Lane Cemetery. This has provisions for approx 100 lawn graves and 36 Columbaria Units. The Cemetery Regulations have been amended and include the information on the new Gurkha/Nepalese section. The amended regulations are currently being distributed to all funeral directors. A new pictorial booklet with these amendments is being produced to give to the bereaved families and Funeral directors.

Since the change of the regulations, officers have not allowed any Memorials that are larger than the specified dimensions to be erected in any Cemetery throughout the borough. The Council has received several enquiries but these have been refused.

Monumental masons now have to make an appointment with the Cemeteries office to be allowed to erect or work on any memorial. The masons are only be given certain days of the week on which they can work on their memorials. Masons will not be allowed to work on any memorials Saturday, Sundays or any Bank Holiday. On arrival at the Cemetery the mason is met by a member of the Cemeteries team and will have to produce the permit that has been issued to them and only then will they be shown to the location of the memorial that is to be worked on. On completion of the job it will be inspected by the member of the cemeteries team to make sure that only what was specified on the permit has been carried out and that it does not breach the regulations.

Benches are being allowed at the Cemeteries but have to be agreed by the Cemeteries office. Families have to write in to the Cemeteries office and ask for permission. The applicant for the bench will be given an appointment and met at the Cemetery by a member of the Cemeteries team. A location and specific sizes of a base and bench will be agreed. They will then get written permission for this bench.

Any breach of the new Cemetery regulations are followed up with a letter from the Cemeteries office immediately.