

Camberwell Old Cemetery

FAQ sheet – Proposed New Burial Space

1. How many trees are proposed to be felled?

20 small/immature/+14 medium/larger trees to be felled (generally selected as being those with the poorest condition/form)

97 trees (feathered/standard/extra heavy standard trees to be planted by way of replacements)

2. Is the proposed removal of trees and shrubs likely to have a major impact on visual amenity?

No major adverse impact - change will be evident along the boundary of Wood Vale but significant numbers of the more mature /larger trees would be carefully retained within the layout. With the removal of trees along the boundary (notably young self seeded ash) views into the cemetery will be more readily available (initially) but in those views the extensive tree cover within site and within the remainder of the cemetery will dominate the view. Extensive boundary planting is proposed including feathered and extra-heavy standard trees along the boundary as succession planting.

3. Approximately how many lorries will be required to deliver 4640 cubic metres of soil?

Approximately 420 to 480 lorries

4. Will the delivery route for the lorries be restricted to Forest Hill Road and a short section of Wood Vale to ensure that residents are not inconvenienced by numerous lorries travelling along residential streets?

Approach via - A205/B218(B238Honor Oak Park Road)B238 (Forest Hill Road)/Woodvale- Right hand turn into site

Egress Left hand turn out of site, then converse of approach route.

Envisaged most deliveries will enter site forward but at completion deliveries will necessarily reverse into site.

5. What restrictions will the council place on the times and days of the soil deliveries?

Anticipated 25 lorry movements daily (24 in, 24 out) over 5.5 days per week
7.30am to 4.30pm (7.30am to 12noon Sat) over 4 week period (average turnaround time of 20minutes per delivery)

6. What steps will the council take to minimise problems with dust from the soil deliveries?

Soils will be relatively heavy (clay) and therefore dust from site not envisaged a major problem.

All soil delivery wagons should be sheeted.

In periods of dry weather contractor required to use dust suppression measures including but not limited to wetting of dust generating soils/materials at point of delivery/after delivery,

Dust nuisance most often arises as a consequence of poor control of mud-on-road (see below)

7. How will the inevitable spillage and mud on the road/temporary pavements be dealt with?

Contractor therefore to ensure mud on road is minimised to the Highway authorities approval (Southwark) and contractor is required as a minimum (but not limited to) provide the following:

- temporary wheel wash hard standing /holding area within the site of minimum 6mx10m type bound surface

- mobile wheel washing (high pressure hose) on site to clean each and every lorry exiting

- hardstanding maintained/cleaned continuously throughout delivery period

- regular (min twice daily) wheel washing throughout critical delivery periods along Wood Vale

8. How long will the works last?

Advance tree felling (Southwark Council) – 1- week

Entrance (Southwark Council) 3 weeks

Main Contract-12 weeks

Site set up/ clearance /tree felling– 2- weeks

Import and place of bulk soil materials- 4 weeks

Memorial Rafts and footpaths - 3 weeks

Seeding, turfing and softworks 3 weeks

9. When are the works proposed to start?

Main works - to be confirmed but anticipated to be June/ July 2012

10. What is the law that enables such work to be undertaken?

It is possible to re-use common graves by making up the soil level on top of the area of graves in order to provide the appropriate depth for new burials. This prevents the disturbance of human remains.

11. Where does this work sit in terms of the overall Council cemetery strategy?

In April 2011 Cabinet approved the delivery of three short term options in Camberwell New and Old cemeteries to provide burial space to address the immediate problem of lack of burial space in the Borough. This proposal is one of the three short term options identified and no decision has been made on any longer term options yet.