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Dear Mr Harrison

**TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (as amended)**  
**PRE-APPLICATION ENQUIRY**

**At:** CAMBERWELL NEW CEMETERY, BRENCHLEY GARDENS, LONDON, SE23 3RD  
**Proposal:** Preparation of an area on land within Camberwell New Cemetery for burial, comprising tree felling, ground modelling, drainage, laying out of access paths and associated soft landscaping.

Further to your enquiry for pre-application advice and your meeting with council officers on 15 April 2015, I am please to provide you with the following advice:

**Development**

Being an established cemetery, the proposal would not affect the use of the land. The parts of the scheme that could be defined as development are the new footpath that and potentially the replacement railings fence, depending on whether it would materially affect the appearance of the boundary treatment. I note however that your view is that the replacement fence would not need planning permission.

**Principle of development**

Being on Metropolitan Open Land (MOL), the site is afforded significant protection in planning terms, development of appropriate facilities for cemeteries is development that would be acceptable, in principle.

**Arboriculture**

There are no protected trees on the site but there would be the loss of some semi-mature trees and one mature poplar of moderate quality. Replacement planting using native species would provide an enhancement of the site. It is recommended that the replacement planting shedule be included as part of the application.

**Biodiversity**

With the works proposed, there would inevitably be some loss of habitat but biodiversity enhancements should mitigate this loss and indeed increase biodiversity and habitat. Active management of the enhancements would ensure that their optimal benefit.

**Monuments**

Should any monuments need to be removed from the site, it is recommended that their detail should be recorded.

**Summary**

The development proposed would be limited to the installation of a footway to provide access to a burial area.

The development would be appropriate development on Metropolitan Open Land. Enhancements with respect to biodiversity are welcome.

Yours sincerely

Simon Bevan  
Director of Planning.