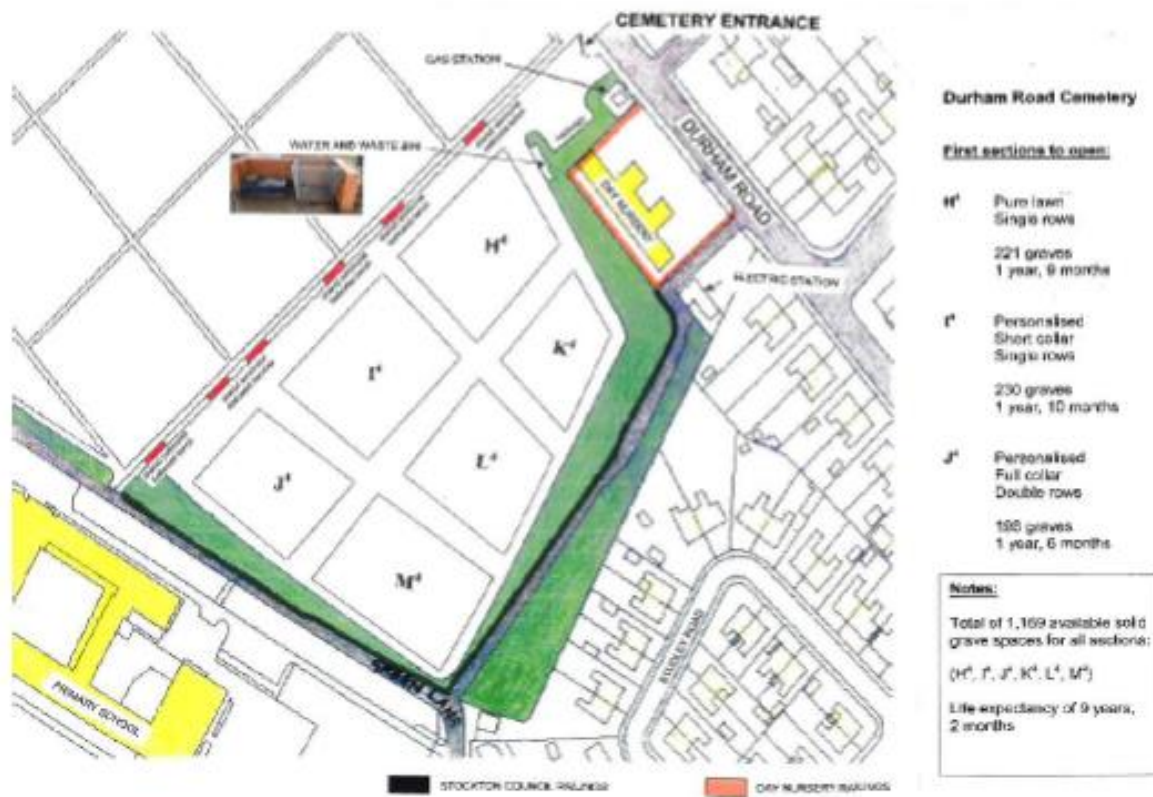


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6.1 Plan of Durham Road Cemetery Extension



The extension is divided into six sections, each of which will contain graves of a particular type, with three distinct grave options available. Each of the three grave types permits a different level of personalisation, as detailed below.

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6.2 Durham Road Extension – Option 1: Pure Lawn Grave



Consultation carried out for the purposes of the previous Scrutiny Review highlighted a definite 50/50 split in the public's views on grave personalisation. It follows that a very significant proportion of grave owners do not wish to place any form of personalisation at all, and would prefer the simplicity of a pure lawn grave. With this in mind, section H4 of the extension would be suitable for that purpose, and concrete plinths have been laid out in single rows to accommodate the installation of headstones.

There is a clear advantage to providing a facility of this kind, as it will immediately appeal to those who desire an understated appearance for their family grave and the surrounding area, without being troubled by the personalisation choices of their neighbours, who may otherwise have very different tastes in this regard. Properly managed, such a cemetery section should eliminate not only this common concern, but also complaints as to the encroachment of kerbs and/or other personal items.

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6.3 Durham Road Extension – Option 2: Short Personalisation Collar



Data indicates that where the level of personalisation is non-compliant with the GPP, it is Category 3 cases which are most prevalent (i.e. where an area at the head of the grave is surrounded by kerbs or edging). This would suggest that many families do not wish to personalise the whole grave, but require only a small area in which to place their personal items.

The Short Personalisation Collar should allow us to meet the needs of those families, whilst simultaneously enabling us to restrict personalisation to a level which does not cause operational difficulties. The collars will be placed in their own designated sections of the extension, meaning that families with similar views as to personalisation would be “neighbours”, thereby immediately reducing possible tensions. The uniform design of the collars should also prevent encroachment disputes, as all grave owners would receive the same easily identifiable personalisation area.

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6.4 Durham Road Extension – Option 3: Full Personalisation Collar



The Full Personalisation Collar is designed to replicate the appearance of a full set of kerbs and should appeal to those families who prefer a traditional appearance to the grave, with an extended area in which to place personal items. By providing this option, we can satisfy those who wish to set apart and cover the whole grave area of their loved-one, regardless of whether they subsequently elect to fill the space with personal items.

The Full Personalisation Collar shares the same benefits as the short version, and should allow us to meet the needs of families, whilst simultaneously enabling us to restrict personalisation to a level which does not cause operational difficulties. The collars will be placed in their own designated sections of the extension, meaning that families with similar views as to personalisation would be “neighbours”, thereby immediately reducing possible tensions. The uniform design of the collars should also prevent encroachment disputes, as all grave owners would receive the same easily identifiable personalisation area.

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Full Personalisation Collar – Safety Benefits

- The natural sinkage of a grave may be obscured by the placing of kerbs, inadvertently creating a potentially dangerous void.
- The Full Personalisation Collar is reinforced with tubular steel supports, a steel grid and heavy duty plastic board, and has been tested to withstand a weight of one tonne. The system provides invisible support, allowing full and safe access to grave-owners.



Tubular Supports and Grid



Heavy Duty Plastic Board



Weight Testing

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6.5 Durham Road Extension – Option 4: Babies’ and Cremated Remains Graves



Each section of the extension will feature a single row, solely accommodating either cremated remains or babies’ graves.

Each such grave will be supplied with a smaller version of the Personalisation Collar detailed previously. The collars will be placed, side by side, at the head of each grave, forming neat rows and clearly setting out the area available for personalisation.