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9<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Mr Ahmed

Dear Mr Ahmed

**Council Question – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May as follows:

*After serious concerns raised at the Muslim burial Section in Herringthorpe Cemetery which has been acknowledged by the council and Dignity why are burials still taking place even though as we speak no concerns have been addressed?*

I want to assure you that action is already being taken.

- Independent site investigations have been carried out to test the soil and water on site.
- And based on the results of laboratory testing, the issue has been identified as groundwater.
- Lined graves currently being used have been observed to be completely dry and so suitable for burial.

As I have said, more works are planned through the summer to address the concerns that we all have, but no one is being buried in an inappropriate grave.

I have asked officers to meet with concerned residents in the next few weeks to discuss any questions or concerns they may have in more detail.

I hope that you find this information useful.

Yours sincerely



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