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Mr Arshad Azam

Dear Mr Azam

Question submitted to Council – 30th November 2022

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on 30th November as follows:

Given the cemeteries across the borough are reaching their capacity, what is the long-term strategic solution that the council has in providing adequate and suitable land to bury the deceased?

The Council have received planning applications from Dignity in relation to expansion plans for East Herringthorpe and Wath Cemetery. This will increase capacity to ensure that there is sufficient provision to meet need. In addition to this Dignity is working on a long term burial plan that will address need for burial space in the long term.

In your supplementary question, you stated that there was a planning application currently going through the process for land adjacent to the public section at East Herringthorpe cemetery. Previously, Labour Councillors had indicated that the land was solely for the use of the Muslim community. You asked if the Council could confirm whether that land would be used solely for Muslim burials or had the Muslim community been deceived again?

The site will be for the benefit of all communities.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely



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