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Dear Councillor Jones

Supplementary question to Council – 24th May 2023

Dear Cllr Jones

Thank you for your supplementary question at the last Council Meeting regarding other closed cemeteries under the Dignity contract and at present residents were expected to lower standards as a result of it being transferred to the Council.

I think there may be some confusion between “closed church yards” and “closed cemeteries”.

Dignity/Glendale Services do not manage any “closed churchyards” under the Council contract, but do manage one municipal “closed cemetery”, which is High Street Cemetery in Rawmarsh.

A church yard can be closed and the maintenance of it transferred to the Council through the correct procedures. This “closed church yard” is then managed by Green Spaces, not Dignity/Glendale, but ownership of the church yard remains with the Church of England.

The only other sites that are maintained by Glendale Services are three Parish Cemeteries. These are Thurcroft, Treeton and Aston/Swallownest.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely



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