

## DETAILS OF PROPOSED WORKS: FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER FACULTY- THE DIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

<b>Project:</b>	Camberwell New Cemetery Southwark: Area D1 Preparation of an area of land within Camberwell New Cemetery to be more suitable for burial comprising tree felling, ground modelling, drainage, laying out of access paths, and associated soft landscaping and nature conservation measures.	<b>Project No:</b>	048-07
<b>Date:</b>	Submission of 30 June 2015 for the DAC of the 14 July 2015	<b>Version:</b>	2
<b>Location:</b>	Camberwell New Cemetery Sections (in part or in whole) 110, 110, 120 (consecrated sections)	<b>Address:</b>	Camberwell New Cemetery, Brenchley Gardens, Southwark, London SE23 3RD
<b>Proposed Date</b>	(Provisional) Proposed Dates for Commencement: January 2016 (clearance works) March 2016 (main works)		
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<b>Plan References</b>	048-05-10 Area D1 Site Location Plan (Statutory Plan) 048-02-09 Figure 2 Historic Square Overlay Camberwell New 048-05-11 Area D1 Illustrative Layout 048-05-43 Area D1 Landscape and Ecology Plan 048-05-51 Area D1 Main Contract Felling and Clearance and Tree Protection Plan		
<b>Explanatory Statement (why the works are required)</b>	<p>'Area D1 ' in Camberwell New Cemetery comprises an area of sloping ground in the west of the Cemetery.</p> <p>It is an area that includes an area of virgin ground (not previously used for burials- excepting for two isolated graves) that is centred on a sloping grassy glade flanked by fringes of predominantly oak woodland. In addition, part of the site within this application includes an area previously used for public burials most of which date back to before the 1970s. Bordering the area to the north are more public graves whilst downslope to the east there are private graves with memorials (see Figure 2 Historic Square Overlay)</p> <p>From Cemetery burial records it appears that this section of the cemetery of the cemetery is consecrated</p> <p>Southwark's Bereavement Service provides for burial and cremation within the borough. However, as is the case with other London Boroughs, supply of burial space is becoming critical. To address this shortage of burial space, Southwark Council has developed a Cemetery Strategy, adopted in June 2012. The Strategy focusses on options for burial within the current cemetery areas within Southwark but also takes account of potential options for burial outside of those areas and aims ultimately to achieve a system of sustainable burial involving re-use in the mid and long term.</p>		

	<p>Works at Area D1 are therefore proposed as part of the short - term delivery of that Strategy. By widening the glade area marginally and providing an access path up the slope a number of plots would be made possible contributing to a supply of much needed burial space whilst at the same time providing better public access.</p> <p>The Council are fully aware of the nature conservation, heritage and arboricultural values of the site and of the wider cemetery. The future of the site and the cemetery as a whole has been the subject of a prolonged engagement process involving the establishment of a stakeholder group with representatives including the London Wildlife Trust. The proposals have been subject to numerous iterations in response to this engagement process and consultations with council officers and third parties (to the extent that the total number of plots has been reduced from 220 or so initially envisaged within the Strategy to the more modest number of 145 now proposed). The current proposal have thus been developed with a view to ensuring that, as far as practically possible, this modest expansion of burial capacity is balanced with the protection and where possible enhancement of the nature conservation, heritage, arboricultural and amenity value of the site.</p> <p>Essentially the principle of use of the area for burial is already established and the application relates primarily to the requirement for the provision of the new footpath and associated works.</p>
<p><b>Specification and Description of Works</b></p>	<p>A detailed description of the site, and the proposed works is included within the <i>DRAFT Planning Submission: Design and Appearance and Access Statement</i> submitted with this document.</p> <p>In summary the development includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• loss of 23 trees (of which 1 is large: a poplar) with in excess of 25+ heavy standard trees and numerous smaller feathered trees of native varieties re-planted</li> <li>• retention and protection of a buffer including along the One Tree Hill Nature reserve boundary in the west</li> <li>• the burial area extended with species rich meadow grass by approximately 500sq.m into the woodland margins with 300sq.m of new woodland/woodland edge planting re-planted by way of mitigation</li> <li>• a new narrow path extending up the slope to enable access and leading to two small seating areas</li> <li>• one of which would be a memorial feature incorporating a bench commemorating those buried within public graves in this part of the Cemetery</li> <li>• extensive areas of wildflower meadow established on the public burial areas</li> <li>• nature conservation measures including bat and bird boxes, hibernaculum, log piles and stacks</li> <li>• with the total burial area within D1 area at completion (excluding new planting/woodland planting, wildflower verges and new paths) being approximately 710 sq.m (less than 0.5% of entire cemetery)</li> </ul> <p>Protection of graves, remains and memorials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• part of the site (where the footpath, memorial seating and wildflower meadow is proposed) is underlain by public graves generally pre 1970 but with some later. Whilst many graves here have no memorials a number of them do – albeit with no specific memorial rights appertaining to them.</li> <li>• Where memorials to public graves are required to be moved to enable the footpath alignment and meadow they will be removed and stored for a minimum of 6 months subject to notification procedures modelled around process in LACO.</li> <li>• It is not intended to disturb any human remains as part of the works</li> <li>• Existing private burial areas (with memorials) adjacent to the site will be protected and retained unaffected.</li> </ul>

	<p>Management Long term management will be the subject of the <i>Camberwell New Cemetery Conservation Management Plan</i> – (currently in draft form and being developed).</p> <p>The Cemetery is a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC). In the interests of maintaining and enhancing the nature conservation status of the site the detailed management of native tree and shrub planting and wildflower areas, and other nature conservation measures is anticipated to be the subject of on-going discussion and refinement with key stakeholders including the London Wildlife Trust.</p> <p>In the interests of ensuring all new memorials are in keeping with the setting and in order to maintain attractive views out and across the site it is the intention to introduce new memorial regulations. These will be based around the Diocesan Churchyard Regulations and restricted to monuments in natural stone with low lustre finishes and with a limited range of hues and colours (not black granite). It is anticipated that only low level plaque memorials will be permitted. The regulations are currently the subject of discussion with stakeholders and are anticipated as being submitted in draft form to the Diocese prior to Faculty approval.</p>
<p><b>Information</b></p>	<p>Planning application for the works is due to be submitted imminently. The Councils planning department is being kept fully informed of the proposals.</p> <p>All necessary work to conduct additional bat surveys, fell trees and erect alternative roost sites will be undertaken strictly in accordance with current legislation and licencing conditions in respect of bats. Similarly all felling/clearance will be carried out in compliance with the Wildlife and Countryside Act and mindful of the recognised bird nesting season.</p>



## PHOTOGRAPHS



Area D1- the existing glade and woodland with private graves (unaffected) in the foreground.



Area D1: Area of public burials adjacent to woodland