

Verbatim emails responses

Many thanks for the very interesting and comprehensive report on the Consultation process.

This is just to confirm that personal preference is very much for option 3, open meadow. We have dense woodland very close by on One Tree Hill, so I think it important to keep the site open rather than create another dense canopy of trees. I also think it would create a much more beautiful prospect than any area with gravestones, though I do understand some people need to have a grave to visit. Hopefully there are increasing numbers preferring natural burial sites these days.

After seeing numerous emails, signing a petition and doing extensive reading on this. I would like to reiterate the words of the 'Save Southwark Woods' campaign:

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It seems that yet again Southwark Council seems unwilling to listen to the residents of the area and continue to make plans to build over what little remaining green space the city has. We see this time and again, with the ridiculous plans to place a leisure centre over green space in Surrey Quays and now yet again pushing the idea of graves in the midst of existing green space. The options available for the Old Nursery Site continue to wreak environmental destruction and are not suitable for the area and I do not support any of the 3 options.

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I'm officially registering my complaint both on this particular issue as well as the Council's approach to development in the area. Whilst no one would debate the need for development in the area, there is no excuse for Southwark Council's continued approach of ignoring the environmental concerns of the residents of the area, both in terms of quality of life as well as the obligations that London and the UK have to address climate change. I would ask that the Council seriously rethink their approach to this project and in general and start actively listening to residents rather than trying to ride roughshod over their opinions and concerns.

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I am responding to your consultation report for Southwark Cemeteries – Camberwell New – Area B burial area. My feedback to your consultation report is:

NO to burial on the Old Nursery site.

I am one of the 76% of residents who are against Southwark's plans to use 3 acres of public space for burial plots.

It is upsetting to me that you are continually insist on ignoring the huge responses of local residents living in Southwark who are against your plans.

Your plans are short sighted and environmentally and socially destructive! This 'review' should be a full, new, statutory Consultation on Southwark's Cemetery plans, not just a 'review' with some public engagement as a paper exercise! Southwark Council is essentially making all the rules and decision without the input from anyone else.

This is called a dictatorship not a democracy and I am appalled by your actions so far.

It is your job to protect the wellbeing of your living, local residents, and to listen to their concerns.

We cherish the trees, community woods, natural green space and nature reserves. These spaces are too valuable to be used for burial plots!

Especially in view of fair burial provision being available on the edge of the city at a fraction of the environmental, financial and social cost.

Please STOP using inner city public land for burial plots and review you're out of date and ill-conceived 2012 Cemetery Strategy!

Having had a quick look at your options i feel you should go with either the meadow or the woodland option.

I understand the objections raised by the Save Southwark woods campaign against more burial plots but I can also see the councils issue with a rising need for space within the Borough

Combining both wildlife protection, public access to walks with burial plots would seem to me be the best compromise and I hope that one that can be reached soon

We should not be still burying people in this inner city borough when we need more green space for people to enjoy and wildlife to flourish in.

Our area is getting more densely populated by the day creating more pressure for green space. Please create an ecologically diverse, pleasant environment for people to use for their recreation.

Do not cover the old Nursery site with graves, 25 years ago when I first campaigned to save the playing fields that space was promised for a new park and plans drawn up for consultation with the local community.

Somehow these plans got dropped and the Nursery site became a graveyard.

The park we were promised was to compensate for the loss of the 2 junior sized football fields. At that time Honor Oak playing fields were reduced by a third and the space that was once used by local children for sport has long been filled with graves.

Now that both the graveyard taken from the Old Nursery site behind Honor Oak station is full up as well and now you want to take the rest of the space old Nursery site for more graves. The issue of burying people in the borough was unsustainable 25 years ago and yet it is still going on despite the fact that the area has become more built up. None of the schools local to the playing fields has a green space for sport and lie next to roads that are busy through- roads and cause the children to be exposed to high levels of pollution on their way to and from school.

The mature trees around Honor Oak, Brenchley Gardens and Forest Hill Road are the most efficient

purifiers of the air for those children and babies.

There needs to be a ban on the removal of healthy mature trees and hedgerows. So many were removed around Honor Oak station, which used to look so green for the creation of more burial space. These take many decades to grow and establish themselves and are the most efficient means of generating oxygen and removing carbon dioxide, they also neutralise the nitrous oxides of nitrogen from exhaust fumes that trigger asthma attacks and chronically irritate the airways. They are also homes to wildlife and provide beautiful views. The Old Nursery site lies next to a very busy often congested road that children have to go up to get to the two schools beside and just off the Forest Hill Road. It therefore needs an environment that neutralises the fumes from all that traffic.

How long before you start encroaching on One Tree Hill and Brenchley Gardens? You must stop burying people in the borough now.

The borough has facilities outside London which need to be used instead of degrading our environment with tombstones and polluted air.

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While what I am emailing may have been better articulated by others nonetheless what I am emailing IS my opinion. I appreciated it is being sought, even better will be it being honoured. Here is my opinion...

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Trees, woods and green spaces are too valuable to be used for burial plots - we need more woods and trees not less, for health and well-being and climate change adaptation

History and heritage are vital to our understanding of ourselves, our past and our future

Burial over the dead is not an option for many - and discriminates against many residents' burial needs. Plot buyers are not being told 'new' graves are over the dead

The history and heritage of those buried and their families must be respected and preserved

Fair burial provision is available on the edge of the city at a fraction of the environmental, financial and social cost

Save our woods and graves and make them Memorial Park Nature Reserves, with respect for the dead and history, woods, allotments, playing fields and trees for the living.

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I would suggest that rather than burials, It would be better, to have people cremated and use the ashes to fertilise the grounds of a Natural reserve. Without any marking of spots!

I believe that inner city public land should NOT be used for burial plots, but community woods, natural green space, nature reserves.

I also believe that it is completely wrong for Southwark Council to be making any plans based on its out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular 2012 Cemetery Strategy until the current 'review' has been completed. Further, this 'review' should be a full, new, statutory Consultation on Southwark's Cemetery plans, not just a 'review' with some public engagement which the Council can legally ignore.

Please don't ignore the overwhelming majority of residents who don't agree with your plan. More than burial space, we need green spaces for living people! Save our woods and graves and make them Memorial Park Nature Reserves, with respect for the dead and history, woods, allotments, playing fields and trees for the living.

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This should remain green space to benefit the community and not be used as a burial spot.

I am writing to object to all three of your proposed plans for the Old Nursery Site, Honour Oak Park for one very simple reason. Green spaces should be cared for on behalf of nature and for the living. They should remain open and green and should not be destroyed or messed around with for a limited number of burial plots.

I echo the words of Save Southwark Woods when I say:

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No more land should change use for new burial grounds. The country is now far too overpopulated to indulge everybody who wishes to be buried rather than cremated. Parks for the living are much more important for both physical and mental health.

I am very unhappy with your proposal to extend the cemetery space close to Honor Oak Station. The green space in this area is as much a resource for residents in the borough of Lewisham, like me, even if it is "owned" by Southwark. This space may be right on the boundary of your borough but you should consider the local residents' wishes and provide a resource for the living, not the dead.

I would prefer to see the space left wild as a nature reserve. Taking space to bury dead people is an outmoded concept in the 21st century. Either burn the bodies or bury them 2 deep in existing space if you have to.

Although I no longer live in the Borough of Southwark I was brought up in this area and worked at the council nursery during my Summer vacations whilst at University. I also played on the recreation fields as a child and my father had an allotment here. I am therefore intimately familiar with the site and still feel a deep attachment to it. I have been disgusted by the way the local church has destroyed mature woodland to create burial space near Brenchley Gardens and would not wish for similar development at the Honor Oak site. Yet more burial sites would be far too dominant a use in this small area of the Borough. There should be much more encouragement for cremation to avoid such precious land use. I was also surprised at the low costs per burial site indicated in the options. To tie a piece of community-owned land up indefinitely for such a small sum seems obscene to me. With the dwindling attendances at churches there is clearly no truly religious argument for the case either.

I therefore wish to make known my objections to any of the options proposed. This land should be developed as a nature reserve to act as a "green lung" for Honor Oak Park. The pollution levels within London are already illegal and any opportunity to improve air quality in this way should be seized. Grassed over burial plots do not contribute in any significant way to this objective. Only trees can provide the necessary carbon capture and filtering of pollutants.

I am also aware that this area had high biodiversity in the past and I have no reason to suspect that this has decreased. For example, there were Stag Beetles (now protected) present around the site when I lived there. Has a full biodiversity assessment been undertaken? The primary aim should be to provide new habitats with a wildlife corridor linking to One Tree Hill and the railway embankment to maximise the benefit. I fully support the development of cycle and pedestrian routes through the site, but ask that dog walking be strictly controlled (i.e. leads only) to prevent destruction of wildlife (egg dogs attacking Hedgehogs which has become a real problem recently), fouling and danger to other users.

I do not see how even a green burial site with over-planted trees would provide the necessary long term habitat to benefit wildlife. There would always be conflicting demands e.g. to keep the grass between trees short, as well as potential future demands for re-use of graves with concomitant removal of trees and disturbance.

I trust I have made my views clear. Do the right thing, Southwark.

I am writing because I have read that there are still proposals to cut down woodlands in the Honor Oak Old Nursery area to make way for new burial grounds.

We value the woodland in this area and I don't think that existing woodland should be removed for new burials. I understand that burial is important to some people, but woodland is important to other people. In my family when people die, they are cremated and their ashes scattered in woodland, because that is what we find spiritually meaningful. We also find it spiritually meaningful to be able to walk in woodland when we are alive.

I am totally opposed to turning the Old Nursery Site into burial plots. I feel inner city public land should not be used for burial plots but for a community wood, a natural green space, allotments, playing fields and a nature reserve. Too many inner city spaces are being developed and we need to save green spaces where we can. People, animals and the environment would benefit so much if it was not to be used for burial spaces.

Option 4: 1,000 burial plots, with woodland planted permanently over the top.

Options 2 and 3: 1,000 burial plots with some biodiversity improvement

I would like to object to the above Options 4, 2 and 3 up for consultation on the grounds that there is no benefit to the community and inner city public land should not be used for burial plots, but

community woods, natural green space, allotments, playing fields, nature reserves.

I attended the public consultation held at Brenchley Gardens community hall on 19th October 2016 and talked through the 4 option proposals with a scheme representative. As per their advice I would like to share my feedback with you:

1 - My preferred option is for the meadow option (option 3) in your proposals. The reasons for my choice are: the meadow option adds more longevity to the scheme compared with a more traditional grave approach which may be filled relatively quickly and require further future expansion; the meadow option provides diversity to the landscape compared with the wooded area of One Tree Hill and the open fields of the recreation grounds; a meadow option would be potentially more inviting as the wooded area over One Tree Hill can become very dark in winter due to the lack of lighting and maturity of the trees hence extending the woodland down into area D would create further similar space.

2 - The footpath and road from Honor Oak Park Road to the car park adjacent to the recreation ground is heavily used (both by pedestrians and cars). This should be considered during the construction phasing of the project where perimeter hoarding may be required. The route from HOP Rd to the car park and through to the recreation ground should be maintained during all work phases.

3 - The route through New Camberwell cemetery (via a gate near Kelvington Road) should be re-instated and accessible at all time. This would provide an alternative route to One Tree Hill, which is a very steep route and which is both dark and unlit which puts people off using the route. The new route would also provide a relatively easy route for prams/pushchairs to access the playground in the recreation ground at the rear of the cemetery and for people wanting to access Honor Oak Park station from the Nunhead direction. The route from Kelvington Road, through the cemetery should link with area D to provide access through to Honor Oak Park Rd.

Could you please confirm via return that my comments will be added to other public consultation comments and considered as part of the planning approval process.

We have been visiting Camberwell New Cemetery (area A) on a regular basis for 10 years now since the loss of our son in 2006 and have seen many changes - at the time the managers said it would be full in 2 years and sadly they were right.

Some years later all the bushes were taken out down the left hand side and that was soon full.

Then the area was re-claimed down towards the railway line and now that is also full.

So now there is a need for more change to provide burial spaces for the people of Southwark.

The families who live in Southwark and the ones who have moved away over the years still want to come home and be buried with and near their loved ones.

I feel the first thing to remember is Camberwell New Cemetery - it is a Cemetery it's not Peckham Rye - it's not Brockwell Park both of which I played football as a boy when living near East Street.

We speak to many lovely people that come to visit their loved ones but they all say the same thing why are there so many dogs running around the cemetery it's more like a dog park then a cemetery.

Some people have 4, 5 or even 6 dogs and generally not on leads I once saw someone with 10 dogs and at £10 a dog they are earning a nice living letting the dogs run around our cemetery and sadly in some cases messing on people graves.

My wife confronted a lady once whose dog run in and around us as we were cleaning the headstone - she said the sign on the gate ask for dogs to be on leads - she said her dog couldn't read.

Another point about the dogs is that there are many young children close by using the small park - also going to and from it - a big dog running towards me is scary enough with it running at a small

child I would hate to think what would happen.

I find sadly that a lot of people these days only care about themselves and show little respect for others - up until recently cars were using the cemetery as a cut through with blaring music and driving to quickly - thankfully the gate leading to the car park is now locked so that stops that.

The more people who have access through the cemetery who are not visiting a loved one the more issues there will be. What with the footballers washing their football boots at our tap and it's usually them that break it where they press it constantly and it takes time to have it repaired.

Personally I feel we need the maximum number of burial plots so the people of Southwark can be with their loved ones with a border of trees or bushes.

There are plenty of places for people to play football at the weekend (Peckham Rye) and plenty of places for dog walkers most of whom live in Lewisham Borough.

I do hope common sense prevails and we use the Cemetery for what it was intended - Graves with headstones for people to come and visit and be close to their loved ones.

Area B consultation on 19.10.16

I very much welcome the work put in by the team and have five comments:

1. I favour option 3 with one modification. Because both cemeteries fall within the area of the Great North Wood (as shown on the map prepared by the Friends of the Great North Wood in 1996), I believe a very small number of oaks should be widely spaced throughout B sufficient to produce a more or less complete canopy in half a century or so. It would not alter the meadow atmosphere for many years before that and not until beyond the lifespans of almost all mourners, thus postponing a decision on whether to allow the full development of an oak wood to a future generation. If they do, it seems obvious that they will have a genuine Honor Oak Park to enjoy – with its own station!! In addition, I do not think the idea of planting a tree in place of a headstone will work. For whatever reason there have been few takers for this in COC. It could even rub salt into the wound of not being allowed to have a grave marker;

2. Since three quarters of local residents responded with a preference for no burials at all, it seems to me that the Council is bound to go back out to consultation for any proposal to do the opposite;

3. I support the idea that there should be no visible grave marker, and believe that those who want a grave to visit in the borough will accept that there has to be a new dispensation favouring the multiple use of scarce public land as a required by the open space strategy. Without that, given the clear local result of the consultation, I would not support burial on any grounds. I also favour more discussion and consultation about how and where a site for memorials could be created close by without intruding into the new landscape (see 4 below);

4. A significant aspect of B's existing charm is that the nearby lawn burials are invisible. When the hoardings come down this will change dramatically and I do not think the proposed planting addresses the problem at least in the short term. I suggest that one way or another there is room for a low bank topped perhaps with a hazel hedge, a suggestion I heard someone else make at the earlier exhibition. Perhaps it could be integrated with the proposed avenue by adopting the existing path (perhaps narrowing it), putting the bank on the B side of it and using the existing cemetery side for B memorials facing out towards the current headstones. The proposed avenue of trees, with one line of trees on each side, could then be enjoyed from either side, with a vegetation-topped bank between as the sole screen. In passing I'd also like to see screening for the B side of the depot which would be effective from the outset;

5. I have been persuaded by others that a cycle route other than that already available is not a priority. Indeed I think cyclists who want to enter the area should walk. New footpath routes, certainly along the allotment boundary, reopening the gate opposite Brenchley Gardens and perhaps taking in One Tree Hill should receive early consideration by the Council.

I understand that Southwark Council is considering using the Old Nursery Site for burial plots. My view is that inner city public land should be used for community woods, natural green space, allotments, playing fields, nature reserves and NOT for burial plots. Conservation and creation of green space is critical to addressing air quality a huge issue in our city which causes up to 9,000 deaths per year and reduces quality of life for many with health conditions such as COPD and asthma.

Green spaces also support wellbeing for all of us. Evidence shows that access to green space is a key enabler for physical and mental health.

I urge you to opt for public land uses that support the living not the dead!

Area B The Old Nursery Site is a very important local natural green space and I strongly believe that this area should be used for some form of natural green space alone - woodland, nature reserve, etc. - and not at all for burials.

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Please do not use area B by Honor Oak Park for burial.

I do not want my local leafy area to lose its trees and increase the size of an already enormous burial area.

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As a local resident, one who walks past this site on a daily basis I would like to register my opposition to the development of this site for traditional burial space...

The high street of Honor Oak and the station to which the site is adjacent is at the heart of a thriving community. I feel very strongly the space should be somewhere which can be enjoyed by the living to the enhancement of this community and the environment. Not, a short sited burial ground that will be detrimental to the environment and fails to provide any meaningful or long term solution to the shortage of burial space in London.

While I would much prefer the land were used for nature reserve, option 4 Woodland burial would be my preferred choice over the other options put forward.

I have experience in ground maintenance and woodland management and do not accept it would be necessary to attribute a higher cost of estate management to this option. In the event this was the case it should be offset by the many people how would be happy to pay a premium for this type of burial space.

Local residents would doubtless be proud of any initiative to preserve and encourage woodland in their community and there is the potential to enlist the support of volunteers.

The idea that a lack of a traditional monument would make it harder to sell the plots is nonsense. A great many of the boroughs inhabitants value its trees far more than a head stone. The notion it would be difficult for people to find exact plots is also a non-argument as they can be discreetly but clearly marked easily enough.

Morning Avril - a bit chilly today - I think it should look like a traditional cemetery as with the latest

burial space in our area A - concrete strips for headstones with nothing protruding at the front so it makes it easy to mow and maintain the grass.

Also access to water and bins for waste and if room space for some family benches and finally bushes to make it a little private if needed.

I filled out your questionnaire a few weeks ago regarding the use of this site for burial plots and have since learnt that there is another option the questionnaire did not offer.

The option of not using it for burial plots at all. This is the one I would most strongly support.

Along with many others I value of woodland and wildflower acres here, and would remind you of a choice many families would prefer: that of cemeteries and adjacent trees becoming a sacred space in which to sprinkle ashes. Turning the green space into a formal graveyard for actual internment is going to destroy its existing biodiversity, no matter what promises a landscape contractor makes.

The more crowded and built up our streets become, the more we depend upon areas which are gently managed and green. Litter and seedling sycamores can be removed and the occasional branch trimmed back where it might obstruct a circular pathway - this should be the only bit mowed, creating some areas of mid-height grass and wildflower colonies for butterflies. Old monument fragments can be carefully assembled to create dry stone walling (which becomes great wildflower/amphibian habitat) - this is all that needs doing.

A different kind of memorial 'fashion' is appropriate to climate change, one which does not demand a lot of fossil fuel driven machinery or the removal of air-cleansing, cooling, mature trees. The public takes up this option with increasing enthusiasm, arranging for woodland to be the place we visit to remember our loved ones. True there are certain faith groups who enjoin the living to actually bury their dead, rather than cremating them; then let them financially support cemeteries connected to the places they worship, or use burial grounds being newly planted up in memoriam by the Woodland Trust.

We firmly agree that inner city public land should not be used for burial plots, but community woods, natural green space, allotments, playing fields, nature reserves.

Thank you for considering view of residents.

I attended the public consultation held at Brenchley Gardens community hall on 19th October 2016.

I would like to share my feedback with you.

My preferred option is option 3, the meadow option. I feel this would give a more open feel and potentially be safer for people walking through rather than a wooded environment, especially in the darker months.

I would also like to add that I am a local resident who uses the path through the cemetery, from Honor Oak Park Road to the car park adjacent to the recreation ground, on a daily basis and it is essential this is kept and access remains throughout this process. The path is heavily used by local residents and plans for the cemetery need to be in line with the needs of the local community surrounding it.

It would also be preferable to have more than one access point, the route through New Camberwell cemetery (via a gate near Kelvington Road) should be re-instated and made accessible to provide an alternative route.

Can you please confirm that my comments will be considered and added to the public consultation.

Please take this email as official response that I personally and my extended family contest any further burial ground on the old nursery site, or any other park land local to Honor Oak. The cemetery expansion can be located outside of the borough. To keep burying people in central London is a gross waste of land when during a period such as now which is experiencing huge population increase.

I am responding to your consultation on the above area.

I strongly support Option 4 to use the area for woodland burials.

Southwark are asking that people send an email to state their preference... here...
parks@southwark.gov.uk

I choose option 4, Woodland Burial because it is the most environmentally friendly choice and makes sense in a modern Britain where green space is precious.

In line with the Save Southwark Woods recommendation, I am writing to let you know that I too support 'Option 5' for the Old Nursery Site i.e. 'No burial, make it a 3-acre Nature Reserve without burial.

Every available bit of green space seems to be being built on at the moment - the Council is ruining Southwark as a place to live

You will make this borough even more built over and overpopulated than it already is if you carry on this way.

You have a duty to safeguard the green spaces in this borough for the people of this borough - something that you don't seem to understand.

It is time that you listened to the people who you are supposed to work for and who pay your wages.

I support the campaign against Options 2, 3, 4 at the Old Nursery site at Honor Oak Park station.

76% of residents surveyed said 'no burial at all' on this site.

New burial is a destructive waste of inner city public green space. There is burial space available outside the city and burial on this site is short-termist. I am appalled that you have cut down two acres of woods in Camberwell Old Cemetery for burial plots when environmental concerns and woodland's beneficial effect on human health are paramount.

I support Option 5: No burial and make it a 3-acre Nature Reserve without burial.

The Old Nursery site Area B has never been used for burial and I support the campaign for it to be preserved as public green space for young and old for nature, not burial.

I agree that it is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy. I support a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'."

I note that you do not have a democratic mandate as only 4% of local residents supported Southwark Council's plans in full.

Green spaces provide oxygen, leisure space and assurance of an indispensable link in the chain of life. People will keep on being born - future citizens will need to breathe, need space, need beauty. People will keep on dying: we can bury the dead and dig them up again 75 years later, bury the dead and dig them up again 75 years, bury the dead (etc. etc.) forever, taking away the land of the living, unless we work out a permanent viable solution for this travesty. Placing the 'needs' of the dead over the NEEDS of the living by appropriation of green spaces for burial plots is not only short-sighted to a mind-blowing degree but - in the long run - life-threatening.

It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy. We want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'.

It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy.

We want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a review

I choose Option 4. Time to get eco-friendly.

I vote for option 4 because woodland is so precious in our inner city environment.

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After reading your report I believe 'Option 04 Revised layout - Woodland' to be preferable.

I believe this to be the greener and less disruptive option.

I choose option 4... Woodland Burial... for biodiversity- air quality- ecology and pure joy of trees rather than lines of grave stones... If burial is to continue this has to be the way forward. Thank you for giving us the option...forward thinking and hopeful.

I object to the plans to turn the Honor Oak Nursery site into a burial site. This would be an environmentally and socially destructive waste of a much-needed public green space that should be put to use for wildlife and for recreation for South London's growing population.

There needs to be a statutory consultation on Southwark's cemetery and burial policy before any decision is made or any further green space is encroached on by new burial plots.

I believe option 4 is the best option in a city where natural space is so rare. Woodland environment would help improve the environment.

I am writing in response to the consultation on the Old Nursery Site, Area B to support Option 5 - No Burial.

In addition I would like to note it is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy.

We want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'.

I am stating my view regarding the Nursery site at Camberwell New Cemetery. It needs to be protected as a wildlife haven and green long for London, and not used for any kind of new burial site at all. That area is a haven for much wildlife and an important green space. Local opinion is strongly against your plans so far stated- all of them! Remember this when it comes to election time.

We have written about plans for unwanted changes and development to Southwark Cemeteries before and I am writing again to say that I wish to object to any changes to the Old Nursery Site at

Honor Oak to create new burial spaces. The area, its trees and natural environment should be preserved as it is, for nature and for the enjoyment of nature by the public. We need to preserve our trees and all the benefits they bring. More graves and gravestones at the mercy of trees do no good but cause harm to the environment and us all.

I agree completely with the 'Save Southwark Woods' campaigners and 'Friends of Camberwell Cemeteries' that option 5.No making of any new graves. Is the only possible option which can be considered. Please acknowledge that 76% of the population agree with this.

Southwark should not be making any decision about the Old Nursery Site as they are in the middle of a review of the unpopular and environmentally destructive Cemetery Strategy. The campaign group 'Save Southwark Woods' have asked for a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy, not just a 'review'. I support them in this.

As a Southwark resident living on One Tree Hill I am writing in response to the revised proposals set out for the use of the Old Nursery Site at Honor Oak.

I feel that my family have a very strong interest in these proposals. We live on Honor Oak Rise and are the last house by the nature reserve. We frequently use the park and recreation ground with our two young children and we walk through the woods every day. We are really disappointed that despite the 76% vote against using this site for burial at all that the council plans to go ahead to create burial space. This is all the more alarming given that the burial strategy is to be put under review in the new year in any event: why the urgency to push forward with a decision for this site now?

Of all the options, if it is to be inevitable that burial is to take place, we would prefer meadow or woodland burial. However, we feel there should have been a fifth option on the revised proposals allowing for NO burial and this is what we would have voted for.

I would also comment that the Council has (intentionally?) made it difficult to respond to this proposal through failing to put clear information on the website in terms of pointing possible respondents to the means of responding. This feels disingenuous in the circumstances.

We look forward to hearing the response on this controversial proposal.

I favour Option 4 of the proposals for the cemetery: the woodland burial option.

Obviously it is the most environmentally sound option, given the importance of trees to our physical and mental well-being.

I currently visit a woodland burial ground in Essex and it is a beautiful place. Small wooden memorial plaques are placed among the trees so that the trees themselves become the greater part of the memorial. I believe that this is the way forward.

I live near the cemetery. I think it and the 'Old nursery' site are natural beauty spots. All graveyards should remain as unspoilt natural and spiritual sanctuaries forever. It is healthy for all in the area. I'm so upset you plan to change this principal, I really am. But please don't use the lovely area B for some rubbish 'Rent a grave' scheme, it's inhuman and disturbing.

It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy.

We want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'

I choose Option 4 -Woodland Burial because it is the most environmentally friendly choice and makes sense in a modern Britain where green space is precious.

In regard to the choose we are being given for the land proposed for burial, I choose option 4,

Woodland Burial because it is the most environmentally friendly choice and makes sense in a modern Britain where green space is precious.

I believe that option 4 is the best most environmentally and long term aesthetically sound choice...with the land being returned to the people and wild life

I would like to request that during the re development of camberwell new cemetery that a path is kept open that runs from Brenchley gardens to Honor oak park station. I'm a resident of Brenchley and use the current pathway all the time. The current short cut was one of the reasons we decided to buy the flat. It would be very inconvenient if it closed.

I hope that my voice will be heard!

In response to your proposals for burial related development at the Old Nursery Site, Honor Oak Park. Please be advised that I disagree with all your suggested options. This site should be preserved as a public access nature reserve with no burials of any kind.

It is in any case irresponsible of Southwark Council to make any decision about the Old Nursery site during an on-going review of current Cemetery Strategy, a strategy already known to have much opposition within the borough.

I support option 4 woodland burial for the current consultation.

If you need any further information please let me know.

No to green land for burials.

London's green spaces are sacred and shouldn't be taken away for this.

"It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy.

We want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'."

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We want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'."

Just don't do it. Burial plots to be buried over in 75 years? Just don't do it. Please preserve generation upon generation of English culture--respecting the dead, preserving our cemeteries as places of respect, calm and deep contemplation. I do not want our society to be inhuman just for the sake of economy and convenience. These plans are inhuman.

I read your proposed options for Camberwell New Cemetery with great interest.

It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy.

I would support a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'. In addition I would support a no new burial plot proposal, supporting instead to make the area a 3-acre Nature Reserve.

I look forward to your final response to comments received on the options report.

Green spaces provide oxygen, leisure space and assurance of an indispensable link in the chain of life. People will keep on being born - future citizens will need to breathe, need space, need beauty. People will keep on dying: we can bury the dead and dig them up again 75 years later, bury the dead and dig them up again 75 years, bury the dead (etc. etc.) forever, taking away the land of the living, unless we work out a permanent viable solution for this travesty. Placing the 'needs' of the dead over the NEEDS of the living by appropriation of green spaces for burial plots is not only short-sighted to a mind-blowing degree but - in the long run - life-threatening.

It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy. We want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'.

I choose option 4, Woodland Burial because it is the most environmentally friendly choice and makes sense in a modern Britain where green space is precious.

There is a great shortage of green space and fresh air for the living in London. There is plenty of space for the dead just outside.

It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy.

We want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'.

I do not agree that burial plots are the correct use of inner city land. There are many better options including even keeping the land as it. The best option is to make it a nature reserve.

I wish to bring it to your attention my concerns over the proposed cemeteries at Honor Oak Park Station. I do not agree with this proposal.

It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy.

We want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'.

I called in to see your exhibition regarding the proposed plans for Area B in the Camberwell New Cemetery and I said then that I would prefer either the meadow or the woodland option.

I am emailing to let you know that I would most prefer Option 3 the Meadow option.

Southwark Council have an area of land, a majority of which is hard standing/ cement and contaminated by many years of illegally dumped toxic waste. They have decided to use burial funds to prepare this fenced off site for burial...and have given a choice of three possibilities for us, the people to say which we prefer.

(There is no longer an option 1)

Option 2 Traditional Burial

Option 3 Meadow Burial

Option 4 Woodland Burials.

please select option 4

I am opposed strongly to this plan. It is irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date Cemetery Strategy. Furthermore, I call for a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'. Also the recent felling of 2 acres of woods in Camberwell Old Cemetery is deplorable. Completely inexcusable in an inner city London borough with some of the

worst air quality in the world.

With London pollution levels killing more and more people every day, these plans are out dated, environmentally counterproductive and a further threat to our precarious health. The plan is also socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular.

Once again, I call for a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans.

I am very distressed that Southwark intends to destroy a thriving area of nature at the Old Nursery site despite your own survey showing that the vast majority of residents - 76% - are totally opposed to its use for burial, asking instead for woods, nature reserves, and natural green space.

I believe therefore that the proposal is undemocratic, and also flies in the face of the views and policies of the London Assembly including their tree planting campaigns:
<https://www.london.gov.uk/WHAT-WE-DO/environment/parks-green-spaces-and-biodiversity/trees-and-woodlands/>

The Mayor has a target to increase tree cover by a further 5 per cent, to 25 per cent, by 2025. If Southwark is cutting down trees at the Old Nursery site, and is also - now, as I write - cutting down areas of old trees in Old Camberwell Cemetery (also against the will of local people) it seems to fall foul of the London Assembly policies, in particular as local people do not want these changes; value their wild and natural sites; and use them for fresh air and recreation.

As from October 2006, public bodies and statutory undertakers have a duty to ensure due regard to the conservation of biodiversity.

Historic England notes: 'Cemeteries are highly valued. The primary role of any cemetery is to provide a place to bury and commemorate the dead, and to provide a focal point for mourning and religious observance. However, because they provide green oases within built-up areas, cemeteries are also places for rest and contemplation in a more general sense, offering opportunities for fresh air and exercise, or simply a place for quiet communion with nature. The coexistence of nature and art, sometimes in an uneasy alliance, accounts for much of their character and makes them a unique historical, cultural and natural resource.' (https://content.historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/paradise-preserved/paradise_preserved_20081010174134.pdf/)

Historic England also notes that:

'Many burial sites are still in use and provide us with landscapes of cultural, historical and natural interest.

The monuments within them commemorate the deceased, but also have associated historical, communal and evidential values. The appropriate care of monuments is essential to preserve these values as well as their architectural and aesthetic character. '
(<https://content.historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/caring-historic-graveyard-cemetery-monuments/caring-historic-graveyard-cemetery-mon.pdf/>)

I am very disturbed that the proposals for the Old Nursery site also mean that in only 75 years the burial plots will be dug up again. People's expectations are that when they bury their family members in a plot that they will not be dug up in a generation's time. If this had happened over the country we would not have the rich visual and material as well as the quality of genealogical heritage that we have here in the UK.

Southwark's own survey on using this 3-acre brownfield site for burial plots shows only 4% supported Southwark Council's plans in full. It would be far better to have a new burial site further out where space is less precious and buried family members will stay in the earth as their families intend for generations to come, adding to our lovely historical cemetery heritage

It is also wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy. I would like a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's

burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'.

I prefer the option 5.

I am against new burial on the Old Nursery Site at Honor Oak Park Station.

I wish to log my concern. Along with the other 76% of residents who have been surveyed, that I feel it should be option 5, with no burial and that it made into a 3-acre nature reserve.

I share the view that it is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy.

We want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'.

Why oh why are you determined to take away our green space which we are so lucky to have in this part of London??

These places are the cities lungs, an oasis for us and future generations to preserve and enjoy; you are adopting a very short sighted and crass policy of burial sites which could be deployed outside of Southwark.

Listen to your constituents who have voted overwhelmingly not to agree to your plans at Honor Oak.

It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy.

We want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'.

After giving your view, please also add this statement, if you agree:

"It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy. Southwark should carry out a full Statutory Consultation on all burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'."

I am emailing to fully object to the proposal of turning the Old Nursery site in Honor Oak Park into more burial spaces.

I disagree with options 2, 3 and 4.

I agree with The Save Southwark Woods campaign, and am for Option 5:

No burial, make it a 3-acre Nature Reserve without burial.

We live at 95 Honor Oak Park, right opposite the proposed burial site.

What drew us to Honor Oak Park in the first place is its greenery. It's in the name! Standing at the train station and looking up the hill to One Tree Hill is incredible, you can hardly believe you are in zone 3.

New burial sites are a destructive use of city space.

New burial sites are not sustainable. They are only a short term solution to a long term problem.

People will continue to die.

We cannot keep using whatever space we have left for burial.

I do not want to bring my child up in a place that has no greenery left.

The children need parks. The community needs open spaces to have any quality of life.

The Old Nursery site should be turned into a nature reserve for the community to enjoy.

We need to prioritise the living over the dead.

In line with previous correspondence, I wish to object to Options 2-4 for the Old Nursery site.

There is limited public green space in inner London and new burial is a complete waste of that limited room. There is plenty of space outside the city.

You have already cut down two acres of woods in Camberwell Old Cemetery.

Please stop destroying our public green spaces.

The Old Nursery site Area B has never been used for burial. Please don't change that now. Make the site a 3 acre nature reserve without burial.

I cannot believe that you wish to dig up more green space at Honor Oak park after having destroyed two acres of woodland already in Camberwell Old cemetery. We need our green spaces and there is plenty of space outside the city to create burial grounds. This is not good for our planet; this is not good for people who use the woodlands for walking and creativity. Why are trying to destroy peoples' lives? Your behaviour is destructive to nature and all who live here. Why are you going against so many people who know what you are doing is wrong and unethical? I feel ashamed to live in this Borough. I am ashamed that people like you who make these decisions are doing this for financial gain and not for people's wellbeing.

DO NOT DO THIS.

Re. the proposed burial / no burial options for the Old Nursery Site at Honor Oak Park Station ~ I am totally opposed to more burial plots at the expense of public green nature space. It is an amazing area much appreciated by many people far & wide. It is best used & enjoyed by many living people ~ with health giving properties ~ rather than for a few people passed way ~ it won't take long to fill any plots made then you will run out again. There is surely much space for burial that can be made available elsewhere - further afield.

I am thus in agreement with 'Option 5': No burial, make it a 3-acre Nature Reserve without burial.

It needs to be preserved as public green nature space for the living, not burial! Especially as so many local people are against it being made into more burial plots!

It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy.

We want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'.

I fully support the campaign to persuade Southwark Council to opt for Option 5: No burial and making it a 3-acre Nature Reserve without burial.

I agree that it is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy.

We want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a

'review'.

The oak should be honoured, and the site left as a free public nature reserve - no burials should go there.

If Southwark needs burial space, try Brookwood, and/or make cremation cheaper and easier for ordinary people.

My choice is therefore Option 5: No burials, the space should be a 3-acre Nature Reserve without ANY burials.

I am really shocked and amazed that Southwark should have felled so many trees at Southwark woods.

Hasn't the Council heard of woodland burial????

Please please help save the woods! It's so important to keep places like this around for now and future generations. Trees are so important and keep air clean, provide habitats for wildlife and are so beautiful too.

The Old Nursery site Area B has never been used for burial and we are campaigning for it to be preserved as public green space for nature, not burial. Please see how important it is to keep these areas safe and treasure them. Help keep this area safe and protected.

I am for 'Option 5': No burial, make it a 3-acre Nature Reserve without burial.

The Old Nursery site Area B has never been used for burial and we are campaigning for it to be preserved as public green space for nature, not burial.

It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy.

We want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'.

Please can you add my name to the voices speaking for Option 5 - No burial, make it a 3-acre Nature Reserve without burial in this matter.

It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy.

We want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'

I am in favour of option 5 for the Old Nursery site - no burial; make it a 3 acre Natural Reserve without burial.

That said, I feel it is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as you are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy.

I would request a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'.

I've looked at the plans and listened to the arguments against and for the Area B burial space and I think the best option is the one that has been discussed.

The area is currently a bit of an eyesore and use as a cemetery when it is already next to a cemetery

seems the most sensible option. My family prefer burial to cremation and we couldn't afford to go to another borough.

There is a lot of misinformation from the 'Friends' groups as far as I can see (and hear!) but at the end of the day, people still need to be buried.

I hope that managing the space as a cemetery will be better for wildlife not worse and will also mean burial space for several years in Southwark. I recently went to a burial in Camberwell Old Cemetery and the new section looked really nice, so hopefully Southwark can do the same in Camberwell New.

I am totally against proposal options 2, 3 and 4.

It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy.

We want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'.

Thanks for the update regarding Area B. My opinion is that if this ecologically and geographically important site is to be used for burial then it must be done in a way that is consistent with the needs of the environment and local residents and the direction from the London Plan. Option 4 is the only one that meets these requirements.

However this must only be done on proviso that the concerns and recommendations of the environmental report are dealt with and followed.

I am a Southwark resident and am writing to express my grave concern over and opposition to Southwark's plans for the Old Nursery site at Honor Oak. As I understand it these plans are in the face of local opposition with their own survey reporting 76% of residents are against their proposals. As campaigners to save the woods say:

"It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy. Southwark should carry out a full Statutory Consultation on all burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'."

I am writing to object to proposals for a new burial site at the Old Nursery Site in Honor Oak Park.

I believe this should be reserved as a Nature reserve without burial.

Green spaces should be preserved and used for the living.

A full statutory consultation of our current burial processes should be undertaken. We should be looking to create alternative burial plots i.e. multiple plots in one... as can be seen in many European countries.

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We want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'."

I have lived in Honor Oak all my life and therefore feel very strongly that I have a clear idea of the impact that the loss of public green space is having on the community. I walk a lot and do not choose to walk in the graveyards.

It is essential that you preserve our woodland, and make every effort to increase our green space in

such a crowded city. The proposals for burial that I have seen put forward are very short sighted.

What is needed is someone with vision who can have a long term plan, creating new green space that is environmental and provides a healthy quality of LIFE for myself and future generations.

I have previously written to the church, filled in any surveys to do with the question of burial sites and been to meetings. I am totally opposed to Honor Oak's green space being used for burial.

It is surely time that the government and the church start to listen to local people.

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I am a long term resident of Honor Oak Park and I am totally opposed to any more of our local land being taken up for burial sites.

I wish to have nature reserves and woods in which I can walk and it is dreadful to watch the gradual loss of the green spaces as they become cemeteries.

You have short term plans and need someone who can see a bigger picture and lead the way for future generations especially in our increasingly crowded city.

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I am not sure whether Tara Kelly will receive this email in time for a decision.

I am therefore forwarding it to you, in the belief you will deal with this on her behalf.

"It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy.

We want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'."

I totally support the statement above. Your council are utterly irresponsible flying in the face of resident concerns...

The council need to look in the mirror at themselves and be honest with their shoddy reasons for such action.

I am against the woods being used for burial sites. We live in an overcrowded city and people should either opt for cremation or for burial outside the city. Green space is hugely important for residents living in built up areas. I have been a resident of East Dulwich for 40 years and have always valued the fact that it is a green, leafy area. A price cannot be put on this huge bonus and it should be protected at all costs.

I believe that option 4 is the best most environmentally and long term aesthetically sound choice...with the land being returned to the people and wild life.

I choose option 4, Woodland Burial because it is the most environmentally friendly choice and makes sense in a modern Britain where green space is precious.

In response to the final feedback deadline in regards Area B Camberwell New Cemetery I would like

to comment that I would be interested in giving a vote for option 4 the woodland option.

I understand that this might not prove to be the most cost effective option your report has concluded however I genuinely believe that this option is THE most responsible option environmentally and morally.

Please note, I am a resident and homeowner in Camberwell, Southwark and I strongly support the green spaces, parks, playing fields and nature reserves in our borough. I do NOT support creation of new burial plots and I am not interested in ANY new burial plots being created in our council.

New burial is a destructive waste of inner city public green space. There is burial space available outside the city and burial on this site is only another short-term sticking plaster. Southwark has just cut down two acres of woods in Camberwell Old Cemetery for burial plots. They are not after woodland, they are after burial plots.

I support 'Option 5': No burial, make it a 3-acre Nature Reserve without burial.

The Old Nursery site Area B has never been used for burial and I am campaigning for it to be preserved as public green space for nature, not burial.

It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy.

I want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'."

I am a local resident responding to Southwark Council's recent consultation on the Old Nursery Site at Honor Oak Park Station.

I gather from the consultation and option documents that the intention is to use the site for burial. This would be a great shame - the inner city is short on public green space. Replacing that green land with additional graves will only provide a short-term solution to the problem.

When I first moved back to East Dulwich, nine years ago, I did so because it was a green area. I distinctly remember walking back to Honor Oak station and seeing the entrance to the Old Nursery Site with a sign across it reading "Beware of the Trees". At that moment, I decided that I wanted to live here.

Unfortunately, the options document does not seem to have an "Option 5 - No burials, Nature Reserve Without Burial". This gives the consultation something of the character of a fait accompli: the decision to bury has already been taken; only the form is up for discussion.

Of the options available, Option 4 is by far the best. It would go some way to undo the appalling damage the council has already done by trashing the woodlands in Camberwell Old Cemetery. But by far the best would be to leave the area as a genuine, protected nature reserve.

Why are you planning on converting the Old Nursery Site into more burial space, even after 76% of residents objected?

This piece of land near HOP station is a vital green space for local residents and their children, and can be converted into a nature reserve. Wildlife needs this space to maintain healthy existing populations. These plans are no in keeping with sustaining wildlife in the area.

In addition to my response yesterday, I would like to give my strong support to the response sent by the Camberwell Cemeteries working group.

The response of Camberwell Cemeteries Working Group to the options for Area B

In common with the many people who do not want this site to be developed, we want to see it

become a nature reserve, but, from the options currently available, we favour the meadow option.

We approve of the woodland option, but are stating a preference for the meadow option for the following reasons:-

- We consider that meadow will complement the nearby woodland by providing an alternative habitat, suitable for the lizards, hedgehogs and other species which already exist in Area B and which need a more open environment.
- Both woodland and meadow options, after use for burial, will become areas in which residents can experience and enjoy nature.
- The meadow option has the advantage over the woodland one of providing twice as much burial space for the benefit of Southwark residents.

However, we are very concerned about the plans as they stand, as we do not consider that you are providing adequate protection for the wildlife which is already living on the site. As this site has been fenced off from the public for many years, valuable wildlife, in particular hedgehogs, has moved in. It is an absolute priority for us that this is recognised and that all development is managed sensitively.

The fact that hedgehogs are on the site was not identified in the ecological report, but we found the remains of one in Area B. A few days later, we came across another dead one nearby in Area D, so there can be no doubt that hedgehogs are living in the area.

As well as the fact that protection measures for hedgehogs have not been considered, there are also recommendations in the existing recent ecological survey which we would strongly support, but which has not been implemented. For example, the report recognises that the grass is species rich, so "it is recommended that at least a proportion of species-rich grassland is retained as this is arguably the most valuable habitat for nature conservation. To achieve this aim, low nutrient status will need to be maintained with no import of topsoil or fertilisation." Your plans are contrary to this, as you intend to remove all the existing grassland and introduce clean topsoil.

In these circumstances, we strongly maintain that a further ecological report should be commissioned to look at the plans and that its recommendations should be implemented.

The proposed pond was not originally a feature, so was not considered by the ecologist, but we would like it to be, as we have some concerns. Although a pond would be a valuable addition for wildlife, it would be

Very attractive to children, especially if it contains any of the newts which are known to live on the site. We would like to know more about how it will be made safe for children and how the amphibians within the pond will be protected from children who want to catch them.

We note that there will be some trees in the meadow and we welcome this.

We also approve of there being no memorials on the graves.

We approve of the screening of the existing lawn grave area from Area B, but, in order to be an effective screen from the outset, we consider it may need some additional measure. For example, the young trees between the cemetery and recreation ground were intended to provide screening, but, because of the lack of hedging or understory, actually provide no screening at all.

We are keen to be involved in the management plans covering the life which is living here (plants, mammals, reptiles, birds and amphibians) as Area B is a valuable site for wildlife.

What the council have been doing in the cemeteries, when most of the borough's residents are against it, is bordering on the criminal.

When will the council actually do something that is not just right for Southwark people but for the good of the planet? It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old

Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy. Southwark should carry out a full Statutory Consultation on all burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'.

I am emailing because I strongly disagree with the proposal for the new burial site at the old nursery site, HOP.

New burial is a destructive waste of inner city public green space.

It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy.

We want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'.

New burial is a destructive waste of inner city public green space. There is burial space available outside the city and burial on this site is only another short-term sticking plaster.

Southwark has just cut down two acres of woods in Camberwell Old Cemetery for burial plots. They are not after woodland, they are after burial plots.

I am 'Option 5': No burial, make it a 3-acre Nature Reserve without burial.

The Old Nursery site Area B has never been used for burial and we are campaigning for it to be preserved as public green space for nature, not burial

It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy.

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This is yet another example of where Southwark appear to get the residents of this borough involved in its decisions in theory only and not in practice.

I look forward to hearing from you.

I do not agree with the proposal for more burial sites. I would like the area to be woodland that everyone can enjoy. It is a waste of space, antiquated and serves a few that still believe it and can actually afford it.

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I am writing to voice my objection to the above site being turned into a burial site. I am a resident in Honor Oak Park and wish for the site to remain as a green space.

As one of London's many volunteer tree wardens, and someone who cares deeply for the precious few green spaces in communities surrounding central London, your actions seem out of touch with the needs of modern urban society.

These woods should not be destroyed; they should be protected and honoured. Digging them up for a few burial blots is archaic - no one should be able to be buried in such a place any longer. Cremation is the most sustainable method to deal with the dead and departed. If somebody really

wishes to have a body buried, they need to move far out into the countryside.

I support Option 5: No Burial Sites; instead develop the land as it a 3-acre Nature Reserve without any burial plots. Perhaps a sculptor or stonemason could devise something like a 'memorial area' where ashes are scattered under trees and a plaque added to a wall mounted remembrance plaque.

It is irresponsible that be allowed Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site, as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy.

I support other tree wardens in urging a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'.

I hope this is the correct mailing list for response to the Area B options.

I emailed all our members and gave my view that I think the meadow or woodland versions are the best compromise between burial and maintaining green space, given that burials will continue.

I received a small number of replies from individuals (some of whom intend to respond themselves). I cannot assume the views of the silent majority but the views I received favoured the meadow or woodland options.

We are also concerned about the potential hazards to hedgehogs through destruction of habitats and risks from contracting work. My attention was drawn in particular to the finding of a dead hedgehog in Camberwell New Cemetery by some Camberwell Cemeteries Working Group members who suggest these animals may be living in the D1 undergrowth near to the boundary with the OTH LNR. Since their existence does not previously seem to have been recognised in LBS plans, it is worrying that they may not be protected. This is also the case in Area B where one of the stakeholders found remains during the 18th October site visit/meeting.

Can someone assure us that this can be looked into and remedied?

Another question I have is that the proposals for Area D1 on your website say 26 trees are to be felled and 25 will be planted. The SSW campaigners say that 60 trees are to be felled. Can you explain the discrepancy?

With regard to the above I choose Option 4, Woodland Burial because it is most environmentally friendly and I think it is essential we look after our green space which is so precious in London today.

I am against all the proposals for the Old Nursery site.

Inner City green public space is for all to enjoy, not for those that want to purchase burial plots. A nature reserve for wildlife and the living is the best use of this land in the face of high density building and an ever increasing population. People need spaces like this to breath and to be close to nature - it has a huge positive impact on mental and physical wellbeing; there cannot be any purpose higher than to create this for the people of London and for the preservation of wildlife.

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I wish to vote for Option 5: No new burials

Sadly even though London boasts 'the European city with most parkland'

That mostly applies to the central London royal parks, and large parks in outer London.

In zone 1 an 2 however.....

Firstly with land prices at ridiculous levels now, and spare land availability at an all-time low.

We cannot afford to keep increasing burial sites.

We desperately need more urban parkland. And to take away an existing chunk of woodland

Is almost criminal. There isn't much left!

Please reconsider destroying woodland. I and others I know will be happy to be cremated. Attitudes

Are changing and I thinking this should be encouraged as the population is only increasing.

(Or more burial grounds outside London)

With more and more people being crammed into zone 1 and 2, we have to preserve what public

Green space we can.

We want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'

I choose woodland burial option 4 please.

Please turn the old nursery site into a 3 acre nature reserve without burial.

Thank you for your extensive consultation document on the future of Camberwell cemeteries.

I am writing to express my strong support for option number four, because I believe that it is vital that we maintain the woodland space we have in London, and extend it where ever possible.

This option seems to be clearly the one that is most consistent with that, while respecting the needs of those who wish to see their loved ones buried in London.

I vote for option 5 for the Old Nursery site because it must be preserved as a place of natural beauty, and not used as a burial site.

Your report shows that 76% of local residents are against burials on the site, and another 17% against other points of the plan; furthermore, you just cleared 2 acres in Camberwell Old Cemetery for plots. Stop trying to eradicate what little green space is left on London's crowded and polluted inner city. It is also irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy. There should be a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'.

I would like to express my opposition to any proposal or plan to create more burial sites in Southwark at the expense of land occupied by trees and at present host to local wildlife. The city needs to increase biodiversity and maintain all its open spaces that help wildlife more than it needs burial grounds that can be situated in less densely populated areas.

I would like to strongly oppose your plans to increase burial capacity on the old nursery site. It goes completely against the point of the so called review which is in progress and is wrong. New woodlands should be planted to replace what you have already removed to try to improve our appalling air quality.

I am disappointed that you appear to be uninterested in preserving public spaces and important woodland in inner cities. You should be looking for alternative burial sites,

I am a Southwark resident. My wish is that you preserve the Old Nursery site, Honor Oak Park, as public green space for nature, not burial.

It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy. Southwark should carry out a full Statutory Consultation on all burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'.

I am writing to express my concern that the council having already cleared 2 acres of precious city woodland are now determined to continue with this unpopular and short term solution to the need for public burial space.

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We want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'."

Option 2. Opposed

Option 3. Opposed

Option 4. Opposed

Option 5. This site has never been used for burial. It is metropolitan public open space. Designated a brown field site, it offers like many others similar a considerable diversity of habitat and resultant biodiversity which would be most fruitfully developed for multiple environmental, ecological/ecosystem services, and public health/well-being benefit if designated a nature reserve and community orchard, without human burial.

I feel it is not what the land should be used for.

As someone who only this week has had a seriously dear friend pass on, I feel I am in relevant position to offer up my option.

76% of residents oppose this project. 76% of people want woodland not burial plots. 76% of people think nature and open spaces are more important to the living than burial plots are to the dead. Get with the programme Southwark - we don't want this!

It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy. We want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'.

I am giving support for 'Option 5': No burial, make it a 3-acre Nature Reserve without burial.

The Old Nursery site Area B has never been used for burial and we are campaigning for it to be preserved as public green space for nature, not burial

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I am very concerned to learn that despite 76% of residents surveyed by Southwark said 'no burial at all' on this site, Southwark is still proposing more burial on the Old Nursery site at Honor Oak Park station.

The three options proposed would mean the destruction or precious inner city green space.

It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy.

We want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'.

Why not suggest that a burial site comes with a new tree per deceased and a biodegradable coffin. Or woodland where family can scatter ashes? We need green spaces to improve the environment for the living not destroy habitat for the dead. Have you considered an out of town site to create memorial woodland? That would help preserve Green Belt and solve the problem of burials.

I am objecting to LB Southwark's proposals to use the old Nursery site at Honor Oak Rec for further burials, after 76% of respondents said they wanted the space to be used for the community of the living. This clearly means that the space is to be opened up and used as a community resource.

I have looked at the Southwark website, where I was directed to look at the 'modifications' made to the plans after the last consultation, and was horrified to see that the new plans were more or less the same as the old ones. No community use but more burials. The council has ignored the views of the community.

I am genuinely horrified. I fought with other members of the community to save the Rec from burials, and was assured that we were safe for many years to come.

This is completely unacceptable. We have run out of space for burials, yet the council persists in taking land from the living.

I would like to opportunity to put my views to full council. Please tell me when I might do this, and in the meantime please ask relevant councillors to explain this blatant disregard of public opinion.

Thank you for email re the Cemetery Stakeholders Group. Sorry for the delay, I will respond to that in due course, but with a deadline imminent, thought it important to respond with my concerns re the continuation of the current strategy and how that affects the Old Nursery site in Honor Oak.

I find that having read the ecology reports, my understanding of the need for habitat conservation of the site has been reinforced. It is of great concern that a burial strategy, which is clearly unsustainable, should be extended to an area that has never had any burial, has been promised for community use and has key importance for the green environment locally. Southwark Council have had decades to address a looming shortage of burial space within the borough, so it is not a cogent argument to suggest that valuable wildlife habitat needs to be removed in order to cover burial needs before a new strategy is formed in only a few months' time. I must reiterate that I found it very disappointing that, once again, no councillor was present at the consultation to give any germane reasoning for this.

It is also presumptive to carve up the local adjacent green areas, of One Tree Hill, Honor Oak Park and Camberwell Cemeteries into plots of relevance only to a burial strategy. This is making an assumption of proceeding with the said strategy without due consideration of the value of these and surrounding linked areas. If the council is to honour "The London Plan (Mayor of London, 2015) policy 3D [which] requires boroughs to protect sites of nature conservation value", then it is important for these sites to be seen in their proper context. I notice that the ecological report refers to this but actually understates it: Devonshire Road and Garthorne Road nature reserves are not mentioned. Nor is that as "The eastern edge of the crematorium grades into woodland within the adjacent Forest Hill to New Cross Gate railway cutting" (Metropolitan importance, source GiGL), there is a green corridor connecting all these areas and area B and the railway embankment form a key part of this. There is a good sized section of meadow grassland in this area that the ecological report recognises is species rich. The fundamental principle of biogeography, the species-area relationship, dictates that the reduction in size of this habitat (which is proposed in all the options), will result in the loss of species thereby damaging its ecological value. Slow worms and other reptiles inhabit this area and clearly will be displaced whatever mitigation measures are followed. Damage to the ecosystem as a whole is likely in my view. The council ecological reports that seek mitigation measures, as that is

their brief, reinforce this view. The issue that is not assessed is how much damage there would be.

Similar observations can be made regarding the native woodland present. Though it would be great to manage the invasive species, the focus of the plans presented goes further by denuding the site for burial. Any native woodland should be seen in the context of the extensive woodland that is present locally.

It should be further noted that the hard standing present could be put to good community use and cheaply too. My own preference would be for a market garden but the immediate locals, who are all Lewisham residents, should be consulted on the community use of this area – it is within Honor Oak Park itself. A presupposition that the use should be one of a number of burial options is very unpopular locally as I believe that the council's own survey has discovered.

Re: Camberwell New - Area B burial area proposal options 2-4 (October 2016)

I am writing as an individual with respect to the above specific area and proposal after having been to the recent on-site and stakeholder meetings as well as the Brenchley Gardens drop-in session.

A. I support Option 4 provided that it is a permanent solution for this particular site only (see C.a & C.b below). It is recognised as a notable amelioration of a difficult and complex situation within the context of formulating an overall long-term borough burial remedy.

B. That use of the area does not involve destruction of heritage or significant nature makes this site the least controversial and as a bonus addresses the poor quality and contamination of the site – effectively subsidised by the end-user (instead of from another borough budget).

C. I add the following concerns and caveats about Option 4:

a. Tree permanence: it is assumed that Option 4 is at a preliminary stage because it is not clear what exact plans are envisaged for the point at which the woodland burial area becomes full. It would otherwise be difficult to give support to a project that could finally result in any mature trees potentially becoming threatened with future removal. A principle assurance of the permanence and protection from harm of the individual established trees is sought for clarification and it is believed necessary to gather wider support.

b. Disability: whilst a keen supporter of the out-of-borough burial proposal as an overall mid to long-term solution (as already enacted elsewhere in London) – recognised mobility-impaired users should have in-borough priority (as elsewhere) and this would of necessity need to be included in any solution, including Option 4 which would not be anticipated elsewhere in the borough. Perhaps (based on estimates) there should be some reserved spaces for this purpose.

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c. Shared use pathways: any that involve both pedestrians and cyclists using a through route (as opposed to solely site access) poses a potential significant health and safety risk. The proposed shared width (understood to be 1.8 Metres) is considerably less than adequate and needs revision or better total separation. A suggestion would be that a dedicated cycling path is installed running along the eastern cemetery boundary. It is not clear exactly what routing cyclists entering from Brenchley Gardens for example might take but it should be borne in mind that increase in cycling popularity may result in large numbers of fast-moving bicycles crossing the cemetery. Noting that Southwark Living Streets have already commented about the need for a gate near Honor Oak Station, I will be writing to them shortly about this aspect.

d. Vertical burial: this may be an option and more efficient, allowing denser burial provided a suitable boring machine could be sourced – but would need to be assessed first for potential end-user interest.

e. Engraved paving stones: used on pathways may be a way to improve appearance of pathways instead of plaques as being used by the International Bomber Command Centre near Lincoln

(www.internationalbcc.co.uk/ribbon-of-remembrance).

f. Native tree species: ones that can be identified as resistant to circulating diseases and give optimal bio diverse fauna support together with reference to the Forestry Commission's The Ecological Site Classification Decision Support System tool should be considered. Birch is noted as potentially problematic for some allergy sufferers, some of whom choose the city to avoid pollen for that reason and might be better avoided when many other choices are available. Inclusion of a limited number of non-native species might be contemplated if greater bio diverse support can thereby be achieved (bearing in mind that this site is of somewhat limited size).

g. Blackberry: this can prove to be troublesome in the longer term due to its ability to spread with future maintenance cost concerns once established and therefore may not be a good understory planting choice.

I am writing with comments on the options for Area B of Camberwell New Cemetery.

I appreciate the work that has been done since the first consultation on the future of this part of the cemetery to come up with new options for its use that provide for its continued existence as an area for nature. This was the overwhelming view of 76% of people who participated in the first consultation.

My preference is for either option 3 or option 4.

Option 3

I think that there is a strong case for managing the burial area to provide much needed meadow habitat, although I have concerns about how it is proposed to develop the meadowland. The Ecology Report on the area recognises that valuable biodiversity now exists on this site, after years when there has only been minimal intervention. It recommends that part of the existing soil and flora be left in place in order for the established habitats to be maintained. However, the proposal for development of the meadow suggests that the opposite is planned, with the entire site to be cleared and new meadowland created.

Creating new meadowland is a challenging enterprise, as we know from the experience of trying to establish two wildflower meadows in the Community Wildlife Garden in Peckham Rye Park. The meadow in Area B will also have to cope with movement of earth in certain parts of the site where burials are happening. The existing habitats have established themselves and are therefore well-suited to the conditions. We have seen evidence of hedgehogs, a fantastic and all-too-rare species in London, and I would urge you to re-think your approach to the initial preparation of the site for meadow burial. The preferred approach should:

- Be phased, so that only one or two sections of the area are used at any one time, allowing species and habitats in the other areas to be maintained undisturbed.
- The creation of the proposed infrastructure of paths will cause some disturbance to the site - this should be done sympathetically so as to destroy as little of the existing habitats as possible.
- Removal of cement foundations in part of the area would be an opportunity to bring in new soil and create new meadow habitats.

Option 4

I think that this option could create a great woodland resource. If this option is chosen, the proximity of One Tree Hill Nature Reserve should be taken into account and, as far as possible the connections between the two areas of woodland enhanced.

General

Both options 3 and 4 have a cycle route through Area B. As a cyclist I am glad to see this addition, but I would urge you to give careful consideration to how the route passes through areas used by other visitors and especially families of people recently buried. I suggest that where the route goes

along the 'Memorial Walk', there should be a clear separation of the cycle path from the walking area, along with some kind of traffic calming measures to prevent cyclists from going at speed. There will also need to be clear information about the times when the cycle route is open and closed.

I understand there are proposals to build burial plots in an area that has never been used for burial plots.

Also you are about to make a decision, and a 'review' of this is not complete.

I oppose this proposal. I use to live in this area and am appalled at proposals for more nature being lost.

I believe Southwark should do a full Statutory consultation - not just a review of burial plot proposals.

I hope that you will cease ruining more of the environment.

Please record my response to the consultation as proposing and supporting an 'Option 5' which, unreasonably, is not offered in this consultation. This 'Option 5' is for no burial and conservation as a nature reserve (with no burial).

Please keep this beautiful space for enjoyment by the living.

Leave Southwark Woods as they are and make it into a park for everyone to enjoy.

In addition.

"It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy.

We want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'."

I am very saddened to discover that Southwark Council has just cut down two acres of woods in Camberwell Old Cemetery for burial plots.

This is devastating to destroy so much woodland.

This area should be protected for our wildlife which would flourish in this area. We will have no wildlife left for future generations to learn about and marvel at mother nature.

This is also a vital part of our ecosystem.

The Old Nursery should be preserved as public green space for nature, not burial.

76% of residents told Southwark Council they don't want burial on this site.

Please listen to this 76%. These woods are a part of our history and should be treated with care and respect and not destroyed as they will be gone forever...

"It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy. Southwark should carry out a full Statutory Consultation on all burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'."

I would like to express my complete opposition to any decision to apply new burial plots in Southwark Woods, and specifically today in Honor Oak Park.

The Old Nursery site must not be given over to graves, as Southwark are reviewing the Cemetery

Strategy, and therefore should not be proceeding with destruction of woodland in the interim.

In my view, all existing legacy cemetery property should be retained as woodland for the good of all Southwark residents. Anything else is irresponsible and wilfully destructive, when there are alternatives outside London.

I think I speak for the vast majority of your constituents.

As a Southwark resident, I agree with the Friends of Camberwell Cemeteries when they say we want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a "review".

I can't believe that you are still proposing more burial on the Old Nursery site at Honor Oak Park station - even after 76% of residents surveyed by Southwark said 'no burial at all' on this site.

This is what Southwark are now proposing:

Option 2 - 1,000 new burial plots, with headstones (standard), to be dug up in 75 years
 Option 3 - 1,000 new burial plots without headstones, meadow, also possibly dug up in 75 years
 Option 4 - 1,000 new burial plots, trees/woodland planted over, also possibly dug up in 75 years

The Friends of Camberwell Cemeteries - Save Southwark Woods campaign is against all three proposals.

New burial is a destructive waste of inner city public green space. There is burial space available outside the city and burial on this site is only another short-term sticking plaster.

Southwark has just cut down two acres of woods in Camberwell Old Cemetery for burial plots. They are not after woodland, they are after burial plots.

I am for 'Option 5' (which is not offered): No burial, make it a 3-acre Nature Reserve without burial.

The Old Nursery site Area B has never been used for burial and we are campaigning for it to be preserved as public green space for nature, not burial.

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I am writing in regarding the new burial proposal. I am against the new proposal.

New burial is a destructive waste of inner city public green space where we do need more green environments in London. There are burial spaces available outside the city. It looks odds that Southwark has just cut down two acres of woods in Camberwell Old Cemetery for burial plots but unfortunately not for woodland.

I am for 'Option 5': No burial, make it a 3-acre Nature Reserve without burial.

I am campaigning for it to be preserved as public green space for nature, not burial.

I hope that Southwark Council will do consider for the best betterments for the present and future generations.

Herewith a response from Southwark Green Party to the Options report on Area B in Camberwell New Cemetery.

Southwark Green Party welcomes the revised plans for Area B (the old nursery site) in Camberwell New Cemetery. We are very glad that the council has taken public concerns on board after the

previous consultation.

We remain opposed to the clearance of urban woodland in the Old and New cemeteries for burial space. However, we recognise that there is demand from people locally for loved ones to be buried within the borough. We believe that Area B, as a mainly brownfield site currently closed to the public, is by far the most suitable area available at the Camberwell cemeteries for this purpose.

The last consultation showed strong public support for Area B to be developed into some form of green natural open space. Options 3 (wildflower meadow) and 4 (woodland) in the new plans offer good compromise solutions by combining a nature reserve with burial space.

Air pollution levels in Southwark are dangerously in breach of legal limits, and for this reason our preference is for Option 4, which would provide the greatest possible number of trees. However, we do not oppose Option 3.

We note that a small number of trees will be felled on the Area B site, and urge that this be kept to the absolute minimum required, and trees relocated where possible. We support the proposals to use native species when planting new trees, hedges and other green boundaries; to establish a wildlife pond; to protect reptile populations at the site during redevelopment; and not to use lighting or CCTV in meadow or woodland burial grounds.

We want to see as many new trees as possible thriving at the site. New trees should be protected from dog attacks and vandalism, and checked regularly for signs of disease. A watering schedule should be established to ensure that trees don't die from lack of watering (as often happens when private contractors plant saplings for the council and are not held to their maintenance contracts).

Car parking space should be kept to a minimum, and mourners and other visitors to the cemeteries encouraged to use local public transport. We would also like to see more bicycle parking at the cemeteries.

Although Southwark Green Party supports the use of Area B for burial space, we strongly oppose any plans to redevelop existing greenfield sites in the cemeteries, including the Glades (area D in the New Cemetery) and area Z in the Old Cemetery. The loss of green space for new burials on these sites would have a disastrous environmental impact, as well as posing a threat to nearby properties (due to increased risk of flooding)

As a Southwark resident I am tired of seeing the council make decision after decision which seems to be influenced more by political expediency rather than any rational (or fair minded) consideration of opposing views.

This appears to be the case regarding proposals for new burial plots on the Old Nursery site.

As you know, 76% residents are against all burial on this site.

The Old Nursery site Area B has never been used for burial and as a local resident I would wish for it to be preserved as public green space for nature, not burial.

My views are aligned with The Friends of Camberwell Cemeteries - Save Southwark Woods campaign and I agree fully with their statement that:

"It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy. Southwark should carry out a full Statutory Consultation on all burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'."

I oppose the destruction at the Old Nursery.

New burial is a destructive waste of inner city public green space. There is burial space available outside the city and burial on this site is only another short-term sticking plaster.

Southwark has just cut down two acres of woods in Camberwell Old Cemetery for burial plots. My ancestors' grave is there also, and I fear it will be disturbed, since I am unable to pay the high price of buying / renewing it (I live abroad also).

The Old Nursery site Area B has never been used for burial and I want it to be preserved as public green space for nature, not burial.

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Your own survey report said 76% residents are against all burial on this site (see:

<http://savesouthwarkwoods.org.uk/old-nursery-site-have-your-say/4593110075>).

Please listen to the 76% residents. Please stop the destruction.

I disagree with any attempt to develop burial sites where historically there were none.

It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy. Southwark should carry out a full Statutory Consultation on all burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'.

I would like to object to any further green space being used for burial sites

Please preserve the remainder of this Natural Area for its intrinsic value.

One gone, never to return.

Having witnessed the absolute devastation of the Old Camberwell site, from what was an absolutely beautiful area of natural woodland, to a sterile utility that has cost hundreds of thousands of pounds of tax payers' money which I would guess this council can ill afford, I want to state that I totally object to what Southwark council are doing to these cemeteries. I had a chance to speak to some councillors a while back when they were canvassing for votes and made my views and those of my neighbours clear, but it appears that, the views of local residents count for nothing so on that basis I will not be voting for the current councillors again.

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I am registering my opinion on the fate of the old nursery site. I do not think there should be any new burials there, but the site should be left as a nature reserve.

I want Option 4 - Option 4 - 1,000 new burial plots, trees/woodland planted over, also possibly dug up in 75 years but I would prefer no burials and make it a 3 acre Nature Reserve

Despite the fact that over 76% of residents who participated in the survey said that their preferred option was have NO burial facilities on this site, it is very disappointing that the options apparently available for local people and their supporters elsewhere, on which to express an opinion are options

2, 3 & 4, all of which would entail 1,000 new burial plots on the site. This is deeply regrettable and a matter of dismay & disappointment for the majority of local people whose preferred option is to have the Old Nursery Site B preserved as public green space for nature and not for use as a cemetery. Options 2, 3 & 4 would be a destructive waste of inner city green space because there is ample burial space outside the city, thus a burial area on the Old Nursery Site seems surplus to requirements.

The wholly unnecessary recent felling of two acres of woods in Camberwell Old Cemetery for burial plots was an act of ecological vandalism on the part of Southwark Borough Council in my view.

Although not one of the options that have been put forward by Southwark Borough Council, my preferred option is "option 5", that the Old Nursery site B, which has never been used for burial, should be preserved as public green space for nature, not for burial as it is my considered view that options 2, 3 & 4 would have a severe detrimental impact on biodiversity and ecology and would also deprive people of valuable green space in the inner city.

Moreover these options would be unnecessarily expensive and a disgraceful waste of public money which could be used for better effect on health and social projects to improve the health & welfare of the local community. In addition, surely a decision to overrule the will of the majority of local people in this case by choosing options 2, 3 or 4 makes a mockery of Localism, the basis of which all decisions should be made in local and national government.

In conclusion, I believe that it is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as it is now in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy.

Southwark should carry out a full Statutory Consultation on all burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'."

Just sending in our view of the proposals. Although of course Friends of the Rec are against burial, we are quite happy with the former nursery site being used as burial.

This land has never been public and we therefore do not feel it is being taken away from recreational use and does not affect park users.

We are also happy with the new entrance points as long as the current main entrance remains open.

We also would like the meadow option used rather than traditional burial which we feel is no longer viable due to the increasing lack of burial space.

I am writing to you with concern over the proposal of more burial on the old nursery site at horn oak.

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This precious open green space should be left as it is. No burial plots should be put here, and the trees/woodland should stay untouched.

The space should be made into a 3-acre Nature reserve without burial. There is land outside the city which should be used instead.

There is ample research on the huge benefits that woodland and green spaces give to air quality, and to human well-being, as well as the benefits to wildlife, which has to struggle for survival in increasingly urbanized cities like London. Southwark could lead the green way here, instead of destroying unique woodland and green space.

It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery Site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy. Southwark should carry out a full

Statutory Review Consultation on ALL burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'.

I urge Southwark to leave the Old Nursery Site untouched.

I write as a Lewisham resident, but who lives 10 minutes from Honor Oak Park, and who works 3 minutes away from the proposal site.

The consultation is seriously flawed, in offering only three 'flavours' of burial, as opposed to the substantive question of what is the needs and desires of Southwark (and other local) residents, and what is the best use of the land in question.

Your cover page states that the new proposals you feel respond well to the feedback you received to the earlier consultation. This is disingenuous at best. The response was questioning of the very need for provision of the burial plots you propose.

The majority of Southwark residents and businesses are clearly against such an archaic and anachronistic wasteful use of valuable public land, which is also invaluable green space; the proposal goes to serve only a very small set of people, those who insist upon burial, and are determined for that to happen within the city confines.

Modern city councils around the UK and around the world understand that permitting burials in the city bounds is no longer a practical or desirable land use. In this instance, unencumbered public open space, and preservation and enhancement of nature conservation is a higher priority in the Council's spatial planning policies, and open space policy, and in the minds of citizens. No clear comparative figures have even been considered since an alternative proposal hasn't even been put on the table by the Council, thus there is no rationale underpinning this strategic decision.

An equally serious flaw appears by dint of making a decision about a proposed burial site prior to the review you are carrying out into burials in the borough. This proposal pre-empts the result of that review, rendering it largely obsolete.

I assisted in undertaking an ecological survey of the site for a contractor on behalf of the Council in the mid-1990s, and I have my own anecdotal experience since, which includes realising the importance of the green corridor (for example to common lizards and slow worms) and the aggregated value of the adjoining patchwork of green spaces that exist in area. Use of this land is an opportunity to serve the people and biodiversity of the borough through enhancing provision, rather than using the land in a way which would effectively disrupt the green corridor, and do little to further the Council's biodiversity objectives or enhance the habitat.

The land could be far better used with proposals centred on the needs of the living citizens of Southwark, and its biodiversity, and not centred on the alas unfortunate, but niche, desires of a few - who have reasonable alternatives available.

Instead of chasing the minimal income from the burial, Southwark Council should be having the foresight to act for its citizens and investigating novel methods such as cryomation, or more historical methods such as alkaline hydrolysis for example. These methods use a tiny fraction of the energy and mitigation emissions and provide for metal recovery, and providing usable waste, whilst minimising land-take. The take-up of cremation shows that people's cultures and minds are not fixed, and a compassionate council would do better investing in sensitively helping its citizens understand changing needs and practices.

I strongly object to the options set-out in the consultation for these reasons.

Please do not use valuable green space for burials.

I am writing as a resident of Southwark, living in SE22, to register my disapproval of any burial taking place at the Old Nursery Site in Honor Oak. I am an immediate neighbour of old Camberwell cemetery and have been disappointed by the council's actions there, and do not support destruction of more woodland for burial.

I support Save Southwark Woods' statement as follows: It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy. Southwark should carry out a full Statutory Consultation on all burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'."

Having reviewed the 4 options my preference is option 4.

It seems a good compromise between the needs for additional burial space, and people visiting memorials and aesthetics / woodland.

As the nursery is unused at present this seems sensible to extend the new cemetery.

I am against cutting down the Woodland at the Old Nursery Site for Burial Plots.

The options that have been proposed are very short term, not in favour of the health of future generations to come and, so I am against them

I am however in support of the "living" residents who benefit from the H2O that the woods and Green space offer now, not the dead.

Another option for burial plots has to be found as this one is not tenable.

I quote:

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Please include my views with regards to this consultation.

In general natural areas should be preserved, and obviously residents feel the same way about the Old Nursery Site. There is no reason for Southwark to contribute to environmental vandalism.

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My feedback is to ask that an additional option of no new burial site be considered, and I would vote for this. It is pre-emptive for Southwark to make a decision about the Old Nursery site while in the middle of a review of their Cemetery Strategy. Ideally, Southwark should carry out a full Statutory Consultation on all burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a review, which has more limited consideration for public views.

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I wish to express my disagreement with the options put forward to use the old nursery site as burial plots.

It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy.

We want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a

'review'.

Inner cities need to preserve the green spaces they have and options further afield should be sought for burial ground. This particular site adjoins the allotments and One Tree Hill and it makes much more sense to open it up to the public as a nature reserve. As a mother of young children born locally I cannot accept that options put forward meet the desires of the community and I urge you to listen to the public on this matter before another green space is lost.

please do not designate more of the precious natural spaces we have in inner London for Burial sites, for the mental and physical health of all we need more nature reserves and wild spaces, not less!

New burial is a destructive waste of inner city public green space. There is burial space available outside the city and burial on this site is only another short-term sticking plaster.

It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy. Southwark should carry out a full Statutory Consultation on all burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'.

I strongly object to the proposed use of the Old Nursery site Area B for burials. This site has never been used for burials, and should be left as a public green space for use by nature...flora, fauna and people...

Southwark should not be making any decision about this site, as it is in the middle of a review of its Cemetery Strategy...in fact; it should hold a full Statutory Consultation on all burial policy and cemetery plans.

I am a Southwark resident and am writing to express my grave concern over and opposition to Southwark's plans for the Old Nursery site at Honor Oak. As I understand it these plans are in the face of local opposition with their own survey reporting 76% of residents are against their proposals. As campaigners to save the woods say:

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It is with great sadness that I have learned that the council are intending to clear vast swathes of what is an important environmental and ecological area and instead convert this into burial plots! It seems bizarre especially as 76% of residents are against the idea of burial plots on the Old Nursery site, in addition Southwark had said they were considering planting trees but they have just felled two acres of woods in Camberwell Old Cemetery. It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy. We want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'. This site needs to be protected for the public to enjoy especially as more and more parcels of land are being built on with less open to space to enjoy as the demand for land outstrips supply. The ecology contained on the site is equally important and I do hope the council will reconsider their "sticking plaster" short sighted decision.

I am writing to object most strongly to the proposed development of the Old Nursery site for new burial ground. I regard this as a very destructive and backward policy for the wellbeing of the general environment of the area. It makes no sense to destroy an established natural habitat that is the home of long established wildlife and vegetation that provides so much benefit to the local populace. The proposal is a very backward looking solution to an issue that is understandably important to the community but at a very great cost to that very same community in terms of natural habitat destruction. We must be seen as a nation to stand together with other nations that recognise the importance of the preservation of natural habitat and not be seen to adopt short-sighted and destructive practices that plague our world today. Please say yes to preservation and no to destruction of our natural surroundings. Let's look forward to a great future for those generations that

will be growing up in our footsteps and leave a truly sustainable legacy for the planet.

Finally, please be mindful of this statement:

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I am a Southwark resident who is very distressed to hear about the council's current proposals for a new burial site at the Old Nursery area in Honor Oak.

I feel saddened that our outdoor public spaces in South East London are constantly under threat. I believe they should be preserved at all costs.

Living so close to the centre of London, I am worried about the detrimental effects of air pollution on our communities. Green, natural spaces such as the Old Nursery site are havens within this sprawling city.

As I have been informed by the Friends of Camberwell Cemetery group, the Old Nursery site Area B has never been used for burial and I support their campaign for it to be preserved as public green space for nature, not burial.

Furthermore, it is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy. Southwark should carry out a full Statutory Consultation on all burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'.

I hope you understand my cause for concern.

Please accept this email as my response to your invitation to share opinion regarding the development of the Old Nursery at Honor Oak site into burial plots.

As a Southwark resident I strongly disagree with the development of any green spaces especially into burial sites. These spaces should be preserved for nature and the living to use and enjoy.

My suggestion would be protected green spaces with safe nature corridors and help for the declining bee population.

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I am writing to you to formally object to the new burial proposals at the Old Nursery Site, Honour Oak Park, on the basis that new burial is destructive to inner city public green space. I believe that the area should be preserved as a green space site for nature.

It is irresponsible for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a review of this cemetery strategy. I believe a full statutory consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans is required.

Re the options for Area B burial area, outlined in the options report, linked from http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200032/deaths_funerals_and_cremations/2231/the_future_of_southwarks_cemeteries/4

I am not in favour of any of the options, i.e. 1-4. Burial is out dated in dense large cities, and inappropriate, especially with new rules to dig everything up and start again every 75 years, removing trees etc.

I think the area should be made a nature reserve, and setup so as to maximise the potential green space benefits to humans and ecology, which are desperately needed in a city situation, including: tremendous health benefits, reduced pollution, improved water management, spiritual exercise and educational opportunities, to mention only a few. The thinking is not joined up; the money in the potential of the environmental assets is not making it into the equation correctly.

Burial should be outside the city, where there's less pressure on green space.

I agree with the Friends of Camberwell Cemeteries statement of:

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I understand Southwark's own survey of residents for this site found 76% of them opposed to using it for burial, asking instead for woods, nature reserves, natural green space. These plans are against a majority of the residents' wishes.

I vote for Option 5 No burial; make it a 3-acre Nature Reserve without burial.

Preserve The Old Nursery site Area B as a public green space for nature, for the living not for the dead. The living needs it for biodiversity, to get out and be in natural surroundings and for time away from traffic and pollution, and for peace and space to recharge in our busy metropolis. The dead don't need it at all. And the dead don't vote - but we do!

The trees and green spaces close to our homes give cleaner oxygen to our lungs. As well as being vital to our mental health, which is currently being tested in today's city living. How dare this dictating arrogant council go against the wishes of the very people who pay their wages! And whom they are supposedly working on our behalf!!

Be ashamed if you have any emotion left in your selfish bodies.

Long Live The Old Nursery Site for Ever and for our Families

I love to walk in the Camberwell Cemeteries which provide a lovely green space in a built up residential area. I love the way they connect One Tree Hill, the Playing Fields, and the allotments. I love to watch the birds and see the trees move through their seasons. In the case of the Old Nursery site (which was never used for burial) I can't believe you are planning to take this away from us all by cutting down more trees and filling it with stacked up burial plots. I think it utterly irresponsible to take this away from local people. How can you be making a decision about the Old Nursery site in particular when Southwark is in the middle of a review of its Cemetery Strategy? Your published strategy is out of date, will destroy the environment and take away valuable green leisure space from us all and is also financially wasteful. I implore you to think properly and carry out a full Statutory Consultation on all burial policy and cemetery plans not just a "review". This is too important for that, and we the public have a right to be consulted.

I am writing to express my concern regarding the council's consideration of turning valuable green space in Honor Oak into burial plots.

My concerns are as follows:-

- We need to keep as much green space in London for those that are alive and live here. Not for those who have now left us. There are many ways for families to mourn their loved ones without the need for a headstone.
- green space is vital for people's recreation , mental health , for the environment - wildlife, trees , animals and for spaces for communities & families to enjoy

London is one of the greenest cities - and this helps make it one of the most attractive & successful

cities - as it is a place to live not just survive. Let's keep it that way.

Please note that I live in Southwark and I strongly object to yet more burial plots. I am already so angry and upset that we had some of the playing fields at Honor Oak replaced by graves and we are damaging One Tree Hill for more graves and we have cut down mature trees in Camberwell Cemetery to make even more graves. I do not agree with this. It is making Southwark a less beautiful place for me, my 5 children and my grandchildren, who all live in Southwark. Please stop!!!

Having read what is intended for Southwark's natural environment, I feel I have to put in my small opinion.

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We want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'.

There is now far too much of this 'convenience' planning due to the rather badly thought out / worded planning legislation. Just because a tool is there, doesn't mean it is either right or necessary to use it.

Despite the fact burial plots are easy money, this should not be an option explored at the expense of environmentally diverse habitat. That is a short term and badly considered option to what is basically a ceremonial and out dated custom.

I sincerely hope you reconsider this course of action. Once it's gone, it is gone. And I think in all our hearts no one wants that.

I am writing to voice my objections of the intention of Southwark Council to use the Old Nursery site at Honor Oak as a burial site. This is the second time Southwark Council have sought to grab public green space for burials. The previous attempt was opposed by local residents and this attempt is also opposed by the vast majority of Southwark and Lewisham local residents. Local people want inner city woods, nature reserves, parks, allotments, playing fields and they need these spaces to benefit the living.

The Old Nursery site Area B has never been used for burial and should be preserved as public green space for nature, not for burials. New burial is a destructive waste of inner city public green space. There is burial space available outside the city and burial on this site is only another short-term sticking plaster.

It is utterly irresponsible, immoral and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy. Southwark should carry out a full Statutory Consultation on all burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'.

Please encourage the council planning department to see sense & retain this PUBLIC green space & make it a 3 acre Nature Reserve for the benefit of all.

There is plenty of space outside London for burials, but little GREEN space within the city for its LIVE inhabitants.

Please STOP destroying woodland at this time of widespread understanding of how polluted our air is - trees mitigate pollution!!

Parks & trees as the lungs of the city benefit all - more graves have a very limited use.

I strongly oppose new burial methods being considered - as I also believe the majority of local residents do also.

Why is it that we must adhere to protocol, yet the council seem to think that it's appropriate not to?

No Burial, make it a 3-acre Nature Reserve without burial. - option 5 perhaps?

Have the parks and council considered Procession or Alkaline hydrolysis. From what I gather this reduces the body down to a concentrated fertilizer.

There you have it, creating a useful by product that helps plants grow and no need to take up precious public space. No more dull football pitch sized spaces of nothing.

Here is a chance to do something new and progressive with an issue that will never cease - rather than put off the problem for someone to deal with and possibly 'recycle' in 75 years.

It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy.

We want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'.

I am emailing to lend my voice to Save Southwark Woods' campaign to save the Old Nursery Site from being turned into a graveyard.

I was very upset that woods near my house were cut down in the Old Cemetery and I would hate to see this happen again. London needs more nature and more trees, not less.

Please reconsider!

Please save our nature.

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We want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'."

I am appalled to hear that Southwark is still proposing more burial on the Old Nursery site at Honor Oak Park station - even after 76% of residents surveyed by Southwark said 'no burial at all' on this site.

The Old Nursery site Area B has never been used for burial and we are campaigning for it to be preserved as public green space for nature, not burial. I believe that all four options on the table should be rejected. A fifth option is for NO BURIAL: Please make it a 3-acre Nature Reserve without burial.

For the record, I would also like to share my opinion that it is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy. Southwark should carry out a full Statutory Consultation on all burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'.

I implore you to please listen to the voice of public opinion and do the right thing.

We visited the SW corner of the cemetery where expansion has been planned into a wooded area. Trees and green space are under threat across London. Our city desperately needs these areas to be protected and more to be created.

Planned exhumation highlights how frivolous the practice of burial is. Each is a temporary marker visited rarely by a few individuals. This is an inconsiderate use of space compared to what the wider

community could benefit from.

Our city needs all its space to be of maximum use for all its residents.

Green space provides relaxation even when viewed from afar. A skyline of trees. Woodland provides exercise for families and their pets, helping to turn the tide of obesity throughout Britain's population. It provides a traditional ecosystem, reduces flooding and cleans our air.

There are fields nearby which provide areas to play. The woodland feels small by comparison. Expanding the woodland should be the direction we take. That will benefit of the community, the environment and the character of our local area.

Step free access in the new location could be achieved by including it from the start – a feature which is lacking in the current woods, making it inaccessible to individuals and families how may find it therapeutic.

To echo the sentiments of Save Southwark Woods:

“It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy. Southwark should carry out a full Statutory Consultation on all burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'.

“We are for 'Option 5': No burial, make it a 3-acre Nature Reserve without burial.”

Trees and green space are essential to our wellbeing - may I refer you to a vast range of information collated here: <http://www.naturewithin.info/new.html> and here <http://richardlouv.com/books/last-child/>

The history and natural environments of cemeteries are also important - mature trees within them contribute much needed oxygen into our polluted city air.

I am utterly dismayed that 2 acres of woodland have been cut down in Camberwell Old Cemetery - this is (or was) an inspirational space with mature trees and a joy to see.

Thus I write in support of Option 5 for the Old Nursery Site Area B: No burial - make it a 3 acre Nature Reserve without burial Please take into account the value of trees and nature in the environment to the well-being of citizens in what are complex times on so many levels for so many people.

Let nature help bring some solace into our lives.

I am writing to register my response to Southwark's proposal for more burial on the Old Nursery site at Honor Oak Park station - even after 76% of residents surveyed by Southwark said 'no burial at all' on this site.

I think that option 5 is the preferred option - no burial, make it a nature reserve. If new places are needed very old graves should be dug up and reused with double headstones.

London has illegally high levels of pollution that kills tens of thousands a year. More trees and green spaces improve air quality and are so important to retain, also to offer Londoners green space and connection with nature. The needs of the living outweigh those of the dead.

Please consider the importance of our London green spaces and protect what we have left and make Nunhead Cemetery a protected nature reserve.

It is utterly irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy. Southwark should carry out a full Statutory Consultation on all burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'.

I object to the proposal at Honor Oak. Old Camberwell cemetery has been badly affected by the current works.

It is irresponsible and wrong for Southwark to make any decision about the Old Nursery site as they are in the middle of a 'review' of this out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular Cemetery Strategy.

We want a full Statutory Consultation on Southwark's burial policy and cemetery plans, not just a 'review'."

I am writing to object to the Old Nursery Site having more burial plots. It is the duty of all London councils to encourage spaces for nature and for people to enjoy. London is a very dense urban expanse and having spaces set aside for wildlife and for people to roam gives city dwellings better standards of life.

There should no longer be burials at the site. Have the council considered using the site as a wild memorial place for ash scattering instead?

They're so rare in London and so wonderful. It would be a huge loss. In this day and age burial plots are just nowhere near as important!

I am writing to strongly OBJECT to any of the burial options proposed by Southwark Council for The Old Nursery site at Honor Oak Park.

I cannot even understand the reason of your proposed options as, according to your own survey, the residents response was OVERWHELMINGLY against any burial on the site.

Your proposal should then include an OPTION 5: NO BURIAL.

However - and as per usual, may I add - the views of the residents are being completely ignored.

It is utterly irresponsible - and wrong - for Southwark Council to make any decision about Area B while they are in the middle of a 'review' of their out-of-date, environmentally and socially destructive, financially wasteful and hugely unpopular 2012 Cemetery Strategy.

I believe Southwark Council should conduct a full, new Statutory Consultation on Southwark's Cemetery plans, not just a 'review' with some public engagement of residents' views which the Council can legally ignore if it chooses to.

I am writing to you with concern over the proposal of more burial on the old nursery site at honor oak.

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Given the pressure on land and public green space in London it's bonkers that Southwark are considering using this precious space to bury people. Surely we need to move away from this wasteful practice. I fully support Option 5: No burial, make it a 3-acre Nature Reserve without burial.