

Didcot Town Council

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SOXON Muslims Burial Working Group
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Dear Fas

Re: Request for a Muslim section in the Cemetery owned by Didcot Town Council

Further to your communication on 5 January 2021 to the Leader of Didcot Town Council and to the Didcot Town Council Environment Committee – your request was considered at the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 25th January 2021.

The Committee understands your predicament as we can relate to your concerns regarding burial space with our cemetery at Kynaston Road, Didcot, having less than seven years left for future burials. As a result we are in discussions with SODC regarding the future growth of Didcot and the need for additional burial land. As a consequence we are unable to provide burial space for residents outside Didcot so unable to offer anything to the much wider population of South Oxfordshire. Indeed that would be the responsibility of other local parishes or District Council.

As ours is a secular municipal cemetery, space is available equally to all Didcot residents regardless of their faith or religion. We operate a strict “next in line” policy to burials in our cemetery, including interring cremated ashes, so reservations are not possible and we are unable to segregate a dedicated area.

I hope this clarifies the situation regarding burials in Didcot.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Janet Wheeler
Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer