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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 1466

I write further to your email dated 05 January 2021.

Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), explained on our <u>freedom of information</u> page.

Your request:

My questions refer to cemeteries and graveyards owned/run/managed by the council. By 'burials' I refer to body burials rather than the burial of cremated remains:

1. How many grave plots were used for new burials (or bought/reserved for future burials) in council-run cemeteries in 2020, and how many were used in each of the years 2019, 2018, 2017 and 2016?

2020 - 24

2019 - 32

2018 - 59

2017 - 16

2016 - 62

2. How many grave plots/burial spaces remain empty/available for burials/reservation across your council-run cemeteries?

Broomleys - 500 Whitwick - 600 Hugglescote - 450

3. Does your council have an estimate of when space across council-run/owned cemeteries will run out completely?

Approximately 40 years.

4. How many cemeteries and graveyards are run/owned by the council? *Four.* 

5. How many of these are at full capacity/closed to new burials and in what calendar year did they close to new burials?

One in 1859.

6. Does your council have any land currently earmarked for new/overspill burial space, and what is the current use of that land?

Yes, land purchased extending current cemetery in phases.

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Yours sincerely

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