

HIGHGATE CEMETERY.

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Dear Ms Salmon Percival

Highgate Cemetery Bill [HL]

This letter records the undertakings given by Friends of Highgate Cemetery Trust (the **Trust**) as promoters of the Highgate Cemetery Bill (the **Bill**) during the Bill's consideration by the Opposed Bill Committee commencing on 2 March 2021. The undertakings below are undertakings to which Private Business Standing Order HL130 applies.

Subject to the Bill obtaining Royal Assent, the Trust undertakes as follows:

- 1 The Trust will use reasonable endeavours to work collaboratively to ensure that the London Borough of Camden, and Historic England can effectively exercise their functions under the Bill.
- 2 When exercising the powers conferred by clauses 4 and 5 of the Bill, the Trust will act in accordance with:
 - 2.1.1 the Highgate Cemetery Conservation Plan (dated February 2019) or any replacement or modification of that plan; and
 - 2.1.2 to the extent that it is relevant, the Technical Guidance on the Re-Use and Reclamation of Graves in London Local Authority Cemeteries (dated October 2013) or any replacement or modification of that guidance;

to the extent consistent with the proper exercise of those powers and the Trust's charitable object of securing the repair, restoration and preservation of the cemetery, its monuments and buildings and other artefacts and their setting for the public benefit, in order to conserve and enhance Highgate Cemetery's biodiversity and geological features of special interest as a Metropolitan Site of Importance for Nature Conservation, and its Listed features of special architectural and historic interest, and its status as a site listed as Grade I within the Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest.

- 3 Prior to the first exercise of the powers under clauses 4 and 5 of the Bill, the Trust will produce a protocol relating to the exercise of those powers which must accord with the documents set out in paragraphs 2.1.1 and 2.1.2, and make provision for:

- 3.1.1 how the Trust will take account of the interests of relatives (including collateral descendants) and other people with connections to any persons whose remains are buried within a grave space that would be affected by the exercise of those powers;
- 3.1.2 notice to be given to any objector under clause 4(7) if their objection is referred to the Secretary of State under that subsection; and
- 3.1.3 the protocols to be made available to any person who objects under clauses 4(7) and 5(8).

- 4 The Trust will provide Mrs. Paula Swift and Mr. David Jones with copies of any protocol made under paragraph 3 as soon as reasonably practicable after its completion.

Any references to the Bill in this letter are to be construed as references to the clauses as modified or substituted during the course of the Parliamentary proceedings.

Yours sincerely



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