

**Assistant to Town Clerk's report regarding ashes spaces at Battle Cemetery  
for Environment meeting 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

The Lower Garden of Remembrance was prepared with 30 spaces for ashes interments. At 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022 8 spaces are available. 9 spaces have been purchased for interment or pre-purchased since January 2021, indicating there may only be one more year of interments to this area.

When discussing options with the funeral directors or family members there is a preference for memorial flat tablets over headstones leading to requests for the LGR section.

I am reporting this as I wonder if it is worth considering whether a further Garden of Remembrance gravel section could be added to the cemetery. There may be space on the lower terrace of the old cemetery or maybe a section at the top of the cemetery extension, beside the rose garden, could be considered.

With regard to the cemetery extension, I would make Councillors aware that during 2 recent appointments at the cemetery it has been noted, by those visiting, as the driveway to the cemetery extension is gravel those in wheelchairs, or with reduced mobility, do not have easy access to the graves in this section. On both occasions a purchase was made for the EB and LGR sections.

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29 March 2022