



We have listened... Revised cemetery and allotment consultation

Why a new consultation?

Last year we reported that the cemetery on Brackley Road is almost full and will run out of space in 2024. To create a new cemetery off the Tingewick Road roundabout the Town Council needs to borrow from Central Government.

The loan repayments must be paid from the precept - the portion of Council Tax paid to Buckingham Town Council.

Previous consultation result:

The result of the previous consultation was 67% in favour of the cemetery, maintenance depot and allotments, with 42% in favour of increasing the precept by 7.2% to fund repayments.



So what's changed?

We have listened to your feedback from the first consultation regarding the scale and cost of the original development and have reduced the project down to the essentials needed to open a working cemetery and allotments.



What is included in the revised plan?

- 746 burial plots, including areas for traditional burials, lawn burials, children's section and a wooded area for ashes. This should last for about 80 years.
- 30 allotment plots (average 25m²). We have a public duty to provide more of these.
- Car parking for 30 vehicles, including disabled bays.
- Wildflower and tree planting, and appropriate landscaping.

Reduced cost:

This project will cost in the region of £1.25 million - around half of the original price. The fixed rate Public Works Loan would be repaid over 50 years. Repayments will cost approximately £72,000 a year. Most of this is already budgeted for, but it may be necessary to increase the precept by around £2,600 (47p a year for a Band D property).

The new consultation:

We are asking residents if they support the Town Council borrowing £1.25 million to develop a basic but functional cemetery and allotments. The consultation closes on Tuesday 17th October 2023. If you have any questions please see our website, send us an email or give us a ring.

For more details and a site map please visit our web page at - rb.gy/ykdcc



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Please send this survey and any questions to - Buckingham Town Council, The Buckingham Centre, Verney Close, Buckingham, Buckinghamshire, MK18 1JP or email: estates@buckingham-tc.gov.uk or call us on 01280 816426

Name:	Address:
Age* (please circle one): 18 - 24 25 - 34 35 - 44 45 - 54 55 - 64 65 - 74 75+	
<p>Are you in favour of Buckingham Town Council proceeding with the provision of a new cemetery and allotments on land off the A421? (please circle one)</p> <p>YES / NO</p>	
<p>Are you in favour of Buckingham Town Council proceeding with the provision of a new cemetery and allotments on land off the A421, if it includes a Council Tax precept increase of approximately 0.22%, this is the equivalent of an additional £2,600 a year for the purpose of the annual loan repayments? (please circle one)</p> <p>YES / NO</p>	
Signature:	Date:

*This is to verify that replies are from Buckingham residents and that we are reaching a broad range of the town's population

The personal information you provide will be processed and stored so that it is possible to contact you and respond to your correspondence, advise and provide information relating to the consultation. Your personal information will not be shared with any third party without your prior consent.

Take part online! Scan the QR code with your phone camera to open our online version of this consultation:

