

6 August 2019
Our ref: 5458028

Thank you for your request received on 9 July 2019, for the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please could you tell me the following:

- **The current number of burial plots available within the Council sites?**
- **How many burial plots you have in total across the councils' sites?**
- **When do you estimate you will run out of available burial plots?**
- **Are there plans for any new sites?**

I would like the information to be emailed to me in electronic form.

We have processed this request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

We are currently auditing our burial space at Hendon Cemetery, current estimates indicate that there are about two years burial space available in areas traditionally used for burial. We have the ability to expand on this by bringing some other small areas not currently used for burial; redundant paths etc.

We also have the ability to reclaim graves and are working on a programme to identify those graves that meet the eligibility criteria for reclamation.

The Council recently purchased a new 11 acre site and will be bringing this into use in 2020. There is sufficient capacity at Hendon until the new site is open. The new site will have capacity for 30+ years, assuming current usage rates.

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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