

20 January 2021  
Our ref: 6909616

Thank you for your request received on 5 January 2021, for the following information:

**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?**
- 2. How many grave plots/burial spaces remain empty/available for burials/reservation across your council-run cemeteries?**
- 3. Does your council have an estimate of when space across council-run/owned cemeteries will run out completely?**
- 4. How many cemeteries and graveyards are run/owned by the council?**
- 5. How many of these are at full capacity/closed to new burials and in what calendar year did they close to new burials?**
- 6. Does your council have any land currently earmarked for new/overspill burial space, and what is the current use of that land?**

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**This is a Freedom of Information request I made once before several years ago and I received full responses on that occasion, so I am aware from experience that it is achievable within the cost/time limits set out in the Freedom of Information Act.**

**If there are any issues I would appreciate an email or a call on xxx to resolve them in a way that still allows you to provide the requested information.**

**I look forward to your response.**

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

## Response

***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?***

2016 137

2017 109

2018 141

2019 140

2020 383 Covid- 19 year

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

More than 10,000

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

40 years (minimum)

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

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

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

New Cemetery has just become available

## 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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