

The Legislative Framework

1 Do you agree that existing legislation relating to burial and cremation should be repealed and replaced by a new legislative framework?

No

Please enter any additional comments here:

There is no need to go to the expense of new legislation the old works well

2 Are there any particular powers that are required by Burial Authorities or Cremation Authorities that are not provided for by current legislation?

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3 Do you agree that the proposed Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Bill should apply to all cemeteries and crematoria in Scotland, regardless of whether they are publically or privately operated? If not, please set out reasons why not.

No

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At present all that is wrong is the need to find more space and there is plenty of land in Scotland

4 Do you agree that the Bill should contain provisions which apply to all facilities where any new method of disposal which might be introduced in Scotland are carried out?

No

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New facilities or methods should be regulated on their own when understood.

5 Do you agree that the Bill should contain provisions to regulate environmentally friendly methods of disposal that are already available in Scotland?

Yes

Please enter any additional comments here.:

6 Should the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Bill contain provisions pertaining to home burial?

Yes

Please enter additional comments here:

Allowing easy home burial will give more room in grave yards

7 In making legal provision for home burial, what factors should be considered?

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See Above

8 Are there are any reasons why private cremation should not remain illegal?

No

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9a Do you agree that alternative methods of disposing of the dead should be regulated for in this way?

Yes

9b Are there any particular alternative methods that should be considered?

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9c Are there any particular methods which should be prevented from being used in Scotland?

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No

10 Do you agree with this definition of ashes? If not, how should ashes be defined?

Yes

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11 Do you agree that a minimum distance of 200 yards (182.9 metres) should be required between crematoria and housing? If not, please explain why not.

No

If not, please explain why not.:

Room for adequate parking

12 What are your views on the use of enforcement powers or penalty powers in response to such a minimum distance being breached?

Please enter your comments here.:

Planning rules should be adequate

Burial and Cremation Records

20 Do you agree that records and forms relating to burial and cremation in Scotland should be stored and transferred electronically wherever possible?

No

Should any exclusions apply?:

Electronic records will not be available or will deteriorate in 500 years time Store as hard copy.

Should this be applied to all forms of disposing of human remains in Scotland?:

Yes

21 Should records and forms relating to burial and cremation be kept for 50 years or is it better that they are kept indefinitely?

Indefinitely

If you specified 'other', please enter your comments below.:

Look at use of old records now. Back to William Wallace and beyond.

Alleviating pressure on burial grounds

22 Do you agree that the sale of lairs in perpetuity should be ended?

No

Please enter additional comments here.:

I intend to be buried in a family grave purchased in 1859.

23 Does the proposed alternative approach provide a suitable balance between enabling people to buy lairs and safeguarding lairs for the future?

No

Please enter additional comments here.:

Present system does

24a Should there be any restrictions about to whom the owner of a lair can transfer his or her interest?

No

24b Should this be restricted to family members?

No

25 Do you agree that Burial Authorities should no longer be able to sell multiple lairs or blocks of lairs to an individual?

No

Please enter additional comments here.:

26 The Burial and Cremation Review Group recommended that Burial Authorities may refuse to sell a lair if it believes that it is not for imminent use. How long should constitute 'imminent' in this situation?

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Infinity

How could this be tested?:

No need to test if left to infinity

27 Do you agree with the proposal that full lairs and partially-full and unused lairs should be considered for reuse in certain circumstances with appropriate safeguards in place?

No

Please enter any additional comments here.:

See above

28 Is a period of 75 years sufficient before reuse of a full lair can be considered?

No

Please enter additional comments here.:

I am 80 years old. Why should our family grave have unknown bodies in it.

29a Does the initial consultation provide sufficient assurance that relevant specialist interests have been consulted?

Don't Know

Please enter any additional comments here.:

Doubtful if those with interest outside Scotland will have any knowledge of any changes proposed.

29b Should any other specific organisations or groups be consulted at this stage?

Yes

30a Does the process set out allow for sufficient notice to be given that a lair is being proposed for reuse?

No

Please enter additional comments here.:

30b Should any particular methods of notification be used in addition to those noted?

Yes

Please enter any addition comments.:

All methods

31 What can be done to make sure that there are no financial disincentives to opposing to the reuse of a grave?

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Don't reuse any owned grave

32 Other than family members, who should be able to object to the proposed reuse of a lair?

What considerations should be made to determine whether an objection from a non-family member is legitimate? :

All family members including present owner

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Take to court at the expense of the authority wishing to reuse the plot.

34a If the Burial Authority decides not to reuse a lair on the basis of an objection from a non-family member, should that person become liable for the maintenance of the lair?

No

34b If not, should the Burial Authority remain responsible?

Yes

35 Do you agree that the 'dig and deepen' method should be used to allow the reuse of full lairs?

No

Please enter additional comments here.:

Only for family

36 Are any other techniques available that should be considered?

No

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37 Do you agree that headstones and memorials may be reused if appropriate?

No

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Records will be lost in the future.

38 Do you agree that headstones and memorials should be removed from lairs if they cannot be made safe?

No

In this instance, what should happen to headstones and memorials that are removed? :

Can always be made safe one way or another.or replaced with a similar new one.

39a Are any other approaches for easing the pressure on burial land suitable for use in Scotland?

Yes

39b For example, should above ground mausoleums, similar to those found in Europe, be considered?

Yes

40 Is a period of 25 years sufficient before the use of a partially-full or unused lair can be considered?

No

Please enter additional comments here.:

See previous answers

41 Is 12 months long enough to advertise the intended reuse of a full lair or use of a partially-full or unused lair?

No

Where should the Burial Authority's intention be advertised? :

Every where.World Wide in all media. This is not necessary if nothing is done.

42 Where a Burial Authority intends to reuse a lair having undertaken all appropriate consultations, should it be required to make clear to prospective purchasers that the lair is being reused or is part of a lair that is partly full?

Yes

Please enter additional comments:

43a Do the safeguards described provide sufficient reassurance to ensure that lairs are not reused inappropriately?

No

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Time spans are not nearly long enough

43b Are any other safeguards required – for example, should the Burial Authority be required to seek a court order to reuse a lair?

Yes

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44 Should certain categories of grave – such as Commonwealth War Graves – be automatically excluded from consideration for reuse?

Yes

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