

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1 Do you agree that existing legislation relating to burial and cremation should be repealed and replaced by a new legislative framework?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

We are opposed to any interference with traditional burials and particularly those already buried. It is just monstrous to suggest that those 'laid to rest' should be interfered with by the State bureaucrats. There is plenty of land in Scotland for burials and a declining burial rate in any case. Proposing re-use of someone's resting place is truly shocking and likewise their gravestones.

You seem to forget that these resting places have been paid for and the stones have been paid for by the family and loved ones. It is an atheistic and almost Soviet proposal you are making here. As though these things are meaningless.

Records and forms relating to burials should be kept forever.

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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Our concern is burials and graveyards which should always be sacrosanct. We believe that if these proposals were seriously well-known there would be an uproar.

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.

Don't Know

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We believe the centuries old burial arrangements in Scotland should be maintained. Cemeteries must always be sacred and left without interference.

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

No

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

Don't know

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If a family have a large private property and would like a corner of it as their personal private burial plot we see no objections. However in cities burials in gardens are inappropriate.

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

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The grave should be a recommended minimum depth and an obligatory solid stone gravestone must mark the spot to avoid future problems.

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

Don't Know

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

No

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

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No. Burial or cremation are most satisfactory.

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

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

Don't Know

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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.

Don't Know

If not, please explain why not.:

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.:

The Right to Instruct the Disposal of Human Remains

13 Do you agree that the right to instruct the disposal of a body on death in the case of an adult should be vested in the nearest relative using the definition at Section 50 of the Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006? If not, why not?

Yes

If not, why not?:

In whom should this power be vested instead?:

14 In the case of the death of a person under the age of 16 years , do you agree that the right to instruct the disposal of the body should follow the proposal at paragraph 43? If not, why not? In whom should this power be vested instead? How should this be defined in legislation?

Not Answered

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How should this be defined in legislation?:

15 Do you agree with the proposal for who should have the right to instruct the disposal of the body in the event of a stillbirth?

Not Answered

If not, why not?:

Who should have the right to instruct the disposal of the body in the event that the mother or father are unable to do so?:

How should this right be defined in legislation? :

16 Do you agree with the proposal of allowing someone not listed to instruct the disposal of human remains in the case of a stillborn baby, pregnancy loss and the death of a child only on cause shown?

Not Answered

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The Management of Cemeteries

17 Do you agree that Scottish Ministers should have the power to make regulations pertaining to the general management of cemeteries, including giving Burial Authorities the right to take action to address unsafe, damaged and abandoned lairs and memorials?

No

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Those in whose care cemeteries are vested know very well they must maintain and care for their cemeteries. This is not a matter for bureaucrats in government but for the local authorities to make certain they properly maintain the last resting place of our people. Caretakers of cemeteries already have the rights necessary to care for unsafe and damaged stones. They should maintain them and stand them up again wherever possible.

18 Alternatively, would the introduction of non-statutory guidance provide a useful option between the current situation where no guidance exists and the introduction of regulations?

Don't Know

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19 Are there any reasons why a minimum burial depth of 3 feet from the surface to the top of the coffin should not be implemented?

No

Should there be any exemptions?:

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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?

Yes

Should any exclusions apply?:

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

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.:

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.:

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

No

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We believe the centuries old burial arrangements in Scotland should be maintained. Cemeteries must always be sacred and left alone without interference. No-one should have any right whatsoever to disturb the dead.

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?

Yes

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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Disagree. Many people buy a lair years before death to secure their burial place in a place of their choice. This should not be a problem.

How could this be tested?:

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.:

Monstrous.

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

No

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Families buy their lair by legitimate purchase in law. That should be the end of the matter.

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

No

Please enter any additional comments here.:

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.:

No lair should be reused. It is a monstrous shocking proposal.

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

Yes

Please enter any addition comments.:

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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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? :

Church authorities. (As it is a heresy).

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Close family friends who knew the families well should be able to make a legitimate complaint.

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.:

Lairs should NEVER be reused unless you are adding another member of the same family.

36 Are any other techniques available that should be considered?

Don't Know

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

No

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Monstrous proposal.

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? :

The cemetery caretakers should make efforts to make the stones firm. Otherwise if these cemeteries are not being cared for what do these people do??!!

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.:

Reusing or adding some total stranger to a family lair is a monstrous proposal. Are you people all atheists?

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? :

It is an unacceptable proposal to interfere with a lair which has been purchased.

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?

No

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These are MONSTROUS proposals.

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

No

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

No

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Why would a judge be sitting on this. You have either sold the lair or you have not.

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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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Exhumation

45 Do you agree with the proposals to streamline the process for authorising exhumations, including an additionally streamlined process for particular categories of exhumation?

No

Please enter additional comments here.:

46 Do you agree with the proposal to provide an alternative process where the purpose of the exhumation is to allow the reuse of a full lair, including that the Burial Authority need not seek specific authorisation once it has carried out specified notifications that it intends to reuse the grave?

No

Please enter additional comments here:

47 Do you agree that authorisation for exhumations should be carried out by the inspector, rather than the Scottish Government?

No

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No exhumations whatsoever. Monstrous.

48 Do you agree with the proposed approach for the exhumation of cremated remains?

No

Please enter additional comments here.:

Regulation of the Funeral Industry

83a Would regulation of the funeral industry be beneficial?

No

83b What would regulating the industry achieve that cannot be achieved already?

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Nothing.

83c What are the disadvantages of regulating the funeral industry?

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Too much unnecessary regulations.

84a If the funeral industry were to be regulated, what approach would be most useful for Scotland?

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84b Do the examples given from other jurisdictions provide useful models, ranging from a fully licensed system to a process of self-regulation?

No

85 Do you agree that an additional inspector role, separate from the Inspector of Crematoria, would be required to support a regulatory regime?

No

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Funeral Poverty

86 Do you agree with the proposal that Local Authorities should have a legal duty to ensure that their up-to-date burial and cremation costs are published on their website in clear and accessible way?

Yes

Please enter any additional comments:

87 Should Local Authorities be required by law to charge funeral costs on a cost-recovery basis only?

No

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Any Other Relevant Issues

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Our society opposes any interference with a grave for any reason whatsoever.