

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

Please enter any additional comments here.:

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?

Yes

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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?:

Please enter any additional comments here.:

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?:

Yes I believe so.

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?

Not Answered

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

Yes

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?

Yes

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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I think it is only fair if someone wants to buy a lair in preparation for their death or to save for their children etc. that is a fair thing.

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.:

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

No

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I think the lairs should be used for family members even if the family members are from another generation or some generations forward. Namely kept for the use of anyone who can prove they are a member of the family.

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

No

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

No

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

No

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What would our ancestors' think, reusing the lairs that they paid for.

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

Yes

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If it was proposed every effort should be made to contact family members.

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

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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

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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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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? :

They should be kept at the cemetery, Scotland has so much history attached, and I know for a fact that so many people in Australia where I live, make regular visits to find their family history and cherish it. For goodness sake don't start removing all this wonderful history that goes back for hundreds of years.

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

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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? :

In all Australian and New Zealand as we are the children of these people. I never thought the day would come when this sort of thing would be considered.

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 partially full?

Yes

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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?

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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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?

Not Answered

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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:

I am not a Scottish resident but my forefathers were and I am dismayed at the thought of their remains being disturbed in this way. Surely as they purchased the Lair in the first place they should be able to rest in peace. My family and extended family have visited Scotland and visit the graves each time they come back. It does not seem right that anyone should have the right to tamper with the Lairs.

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

No

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