

Appendix B

Open Space Strategy Representations concerning cemetery provision in Harborough District

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1. Accessibility - Why would you have cemeteries closer to hand than parkland, as Harborough only has one site in use the North side of town is already out of the desired range? I suggest that Parkland be brought closer and cemeteries are further away.
2. Location - Care should be taken when wishing to re locate provision of such things as sport fields, allotment or burial site.
3. Location - These things should not necessarily be shifted away, allotments in particular should be at the heart of any development but care should be taken with layout and conditions put in place regarding water supply, shed size colour etc. a burial ground can also be quiet open space particularly as 'natural' burials become more popular.
4. Quantity - Parks, children, allotments and cemeteries there does not seem enough space. There are no cemeteries, allotments or community gardens in Thurnby and Bushby. Also there is no provision in Thurnby and Bushby for young people as all the play areas as far as we are aware provide only for younger children.
5. Accessibility should be near bus route for sports and cemeteries
6. Quantity - Cemeteries - there is a need for additional provision across the District to meet the needs of communities. This is of particular importance in communities where cemeteries are closed and available burial grounds are at some distance.
7. Accessibility to sites - Sports fields, cemeteries and allotments. However, security issues should be taken into account when siting such facilities e.g. allotments: 10 - 15 minutes walking distance
8. Accessibility - Cemeteries could go further away as long as they were still accessible and in a quiet place.
9. Other general comments that indirectly apply to cemetery provision:
 - a. District Council should take a lead on adoption of open spaces;
 - b. Disposal of open space should be only if the community desires it;
 - c. Open space should be well maintained and litter free;
 - d. Street furniture provided; and
 - e. Open Spaces should provide habitat for wildlife.