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Plans to create new burial space at New Southgate cemetery

New Southgate has gained permission via an Act of Parliament to re-use burial space where a burial has not taken place for over 75 years. Existing space can also be re-claimed. A copy of the Act can be seen by clicking on this <u>link</u>. Paper copies are available from our office. These new powers simply bring New Southgate into line with London Local Authoriti es who gained these rights in 2007 (The London Local Authorities Act 2007).

The method that would be used to create this extra space is known as lift and deepen. Graves are excavated to their deepest depth, with all the remains placed in a casket and re-interred at the bottom of the grave.

Without these new powers, remaining space at New Southgate would run out in the next 10 years. The company have tried to acquire additional land but all of the adjoining space is recreational land which the London Borough of Barnet is unwilling to sell for understandable reasons.

The key provisions of the Act are detailed below:

- 1. The ability to re-use graves where a burial has not taken place for 75 years or more In these cases, it is proposed that the remains would be reverently gathered together and then re-buried more deeply. The new space on top could then be offered as a grave for today's bereaved. The illustrations below show how the remains would be buried deeper in the same plot:
- i) Re-use





