

## Herefordshire Council Environmental Impact Assessment Form

Name of proposal	Introduction of natural burials and pet burials and cremations (S26)
Directorate and Service Area	Economy and Place, Technical Services
Saving £k	£ 80k
Name of Lead Officer(s)	Chris Jenner / John Gibbon

### Step 1: What is the proposal?

Please explain your proposal in plain English, avoiding acronyms and jargon.

<b>1.1 What is the proposal?</b>
Increase the scope of trading services available from the councils Bereavement Service to the public, this could include the provision of natural burials and the provision of pet burials / crematorium.

### Step 2: What environmental aspects will be affected by the development and implementation of this proposal?

Air quality	Y	Hazardous materials	Y
Biodiversity		Noise pollution	
Carbon emissions	Y	Soil and water quality	Y
Flooding and climate resilience		Waste and recycling	
		Other	

If other please state: Energy management

Is this:

Review of an existing activity	
New activity	Y
Planning to withdraw or reduce a service, activity or presence?	

### Step 3: What information and evidence have you reviewed to help inform this assessment?

For example name sources e.g. traffic assessments, carbon and energy calculations, air quality assessment, ecological surveys, waste analysis etc.

<p><b>3.1 What information and evidence have you reviewed to help inform this assessment?</b></p> <p>Previous case history, however a detailed feasibility studies would be required to fully inform this assessment.</p>
<p><b>3.2 Summary of engagement or consultation undertaken</b></p> <p>None at this stage.</p>
<p><b>3.3 Summary of relevant findings</b></p> <p>None at this stage.</p>

### Step 4: The impact of this proposal

#### 4.1 The impact of this proposal

Please consider the potential impact of this activity (during development and implementation) on each of the key considerations outlined below. Please tick one or more impact box below for each and explain your rationale. Please note it is possible for the potential impact to be both positive and negative within the same group and this should be recorded.

	Potential <u>positive</u> impact	Potential <u>neutral</u> impact	Potential <u>negative</u> impact	Reasons
Air quality			x	The cremation emissions
Protection and enhancement of Biodiversity	x		x	Cremation process including ashes disposal  Natural burial grounds if carefully managed to can have a positive impact
Carbon emissions			x	The nature of the cremation process
Flooding and climate resilience				
Use/management of hazardous materials				
Noise pollution				
Soil and water quality			x	Natural burial grounds can impact soil and water quality – Environmental

				studies are required to monitor site for up to 3 years before approval could be granted.
Waste and recycling	x		x	Both proposals have the potential to impact both - careful management and consideration of options could neutralise impact
Other (Increase in traffic)			x	Both proposals would generate additional traffic

**4.2 What actions will you take to mitigate any potential negative impacts?**

Both schemes if taken forward, would be subject to strict environmental controls.

**Step 5: Monitoring and Review**

**5.1 How will you monitor and review these actions?**

If implemented both schemes will be subject to statutory and environmental controls.

**Service Director sign-off:**

Richard Ball  
Director of Economy & Place

**Date:**

29 January 2021