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Dear [Name Redacted]

Freedom of Information – Request for Information

With regards to your recent enquiry for information held by the Authority under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Please find the information you requested below with reference in the box to your original enquiry for clarity where multiple answers are required.

Details of Your Request

- 1) *How many cemeteries are operated by your council? How many burial plots does this total?*
- 2) *How many cemeteries still have spaces and how many burial plots are remaining? (Please provide the names of each cemetery and how many spaces it has in total and the number remaining)*
- 3) *What proportion of this is through existing burials and advance plot purchases?*
- 4) *How many are full/ at capacity?*
- 5) *How many burials were undertaken in the following years: 2017, 2016, 2007, 2006, 1997, 1996, 1987, 1986, 1977, 1976.*
- 6) *What was the charge/cost to people for burials in each of these years?*
- 7) *How many cremations for the same years as above?*
- 8) *What was the charge/cost to people for cremations in each of these years?*
- 9) *How many years of capacity for burial do you anticipate you have remaining?*
- 10) *How many people did not get their first choice of cemetery for burial?*
- 11) *Did the council have to refuse requests for burials? If so, how many?*
- 12) *What is the furthest distance of burial plots from any of the parish church?*
- 13) *Are you actively looking to source new burial plots? If so, what measures have been taken, at what cost and what have been the results?*
- 14) *Have you opened any new cemeteries in the last 30 years? Please provide details of names and number of plots.*
- 15) *What alternatives, if any, do you offer for the disposal of human remains? For example, woodland burials, alkaline hydrolysis (dissolving) etc*

The response to your request as follows:

- 1. 5 cemeteries and 37059 burial plots in total.**
- 2. 4 cemeteries still have spaces. Wilnecote (new) = 3637 (spaces) : 1194 (remaining); Glascote = 5641 (spaces): 586 (remaining); Amington = 1914 (spaces) : 636 (remaining); Wigginton Road = 12445 (spaces) : 11124 (remaining).**

3. Wilnecote (new) = 2443:143; Glascoate = 5055:99; Amington = 1278:76; Wigginton Road = 1321:253; Wilnecote (old) = 2458:11.

4. 1.

5. : 2017 = 92, 2016 = 91, 2007 = 112, 2006 = 130, 1997 = 128, 1996 = 123, 1987 = 125, 1986 = 117, 1977 = 104, 1976 = 83.

6. 2016 attached, 2017 see online -

https://www.tamworth.gov.uk/sites/default/files/environment_docs/fees-and-charges.pdf ;
2005-2007 attached, other years unavailable

7. N/A

8. N/A

9. c50+

10. None

11. No

12. N/A

13. No

14. No

15. None

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Yours Sincerely

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SECTION E - FEES AND CHARGES (EXTRACT)

Effective from 1st October 2005

E3 MEMORIALS AND INSCRIPTIONS

Fees indicated are for the right to place a memorial on a grave and include the first inscription. Double fees are charged for non-residents.

Flat Stone	£107.00
Headstone	£71.00
Footstone (for existing kerb-set)	£27.00
Kerb and Border	£107.00
Vase	£36.00
Tablet Type Memorial	£36.00
Additional Inscription	£32.00

Other Charges

Scattering Cremated Remains	£29.00
Exhumation Requests Administration	£119.00
Preselect Graves (maximum one grave per person) Administration	£25.00
Transfer of Exclusive Right of Burial Administration	£34.00

E4 SEARCH FEES

Fees indicated are for searches of registers and for copies of extracts therefrom.

Search fees per interment	£13.00
Certified copy of entry of burial	£13.00

OFFENCES WITHIN THE CEMETERIES ARE SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF £200 EXCEPT POOP SCOOP OFFENCES WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF £500 AND DOG ON LEAD OFFENCES WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF £100.

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CEMETERY FEES – EFFECTIVE FROM 1st April 2016

PLEASE NOTE DOUBLE FEES APPLY FOR NON-RESIDENTS
 (see rules and guidance notes Section 'E')

Fees and Charges	
EROB full grave (50 years, renewable 25 yrs 50% current EROB) (includes memorial)	£786
EROB half grave (50 years, renewable 25 yrs 50% current EROB) (includes memorial)	£629

Burial of a child (up to 16 years inclusive)	Free
Single depth digging fees	£419
Double depth digging fees	£525
Treble depth digging fees	£786
Additional cost for large American style caskets	£80
Burial of cremated remains	£157
Scattering of cremated remains (within a grave)	£80

Memorial (grave purchased prior to Jan 2014)	£157
Tablet or vase (grave purchased prior to Jan 2014)	£80
Additional inscriptions to existing memorial	£63

Administration charge pre purchase	£52
Administration charge transfer of ownership	£52
Statutory declaration	£52
Renunciation charge per additional person	£10
Memorial bench plaque space for 5 years – renewable	£262
Memorial plaque space around memorial tree for 5 years – renewable	£262
Search fee per grave	£15
Location fee per grave	£15
Exhumation request administration fee	£262

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