

# Oxford Burial Meadow

## Outline Design Proposals

Oxford City Council plan to create a new green space and low impact burial meadow on Council owned land off Oxford Road towards Horspath. Key stakeholders including the Interfaith Forum have helped shape the design brief. The site is accessible by bus, bike and car, with a new footpath link planned to the existing Council owned carpark. Disabled and cycle parking will be on site, as well as water points and benches. Full visitor information for the new site will be provided on the Council website.

These boards set out the key objectives and outline design proposals.

Appendix 1

## The Site



Site location and context



Photo of the existing site

## Landscape Character



Thaila Park, France



Peter August Böckstiegel Museum, Germany



Textured concrete



Self binding gravel



Mown path



Individual benches



Timber Headstone



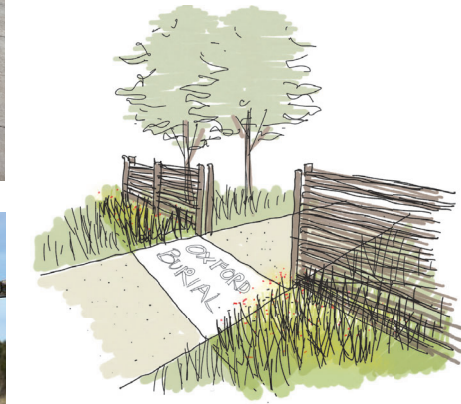
Loose gravel



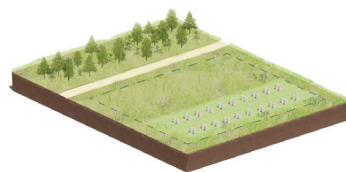
Matt Stone Headstone



Timber sign posts

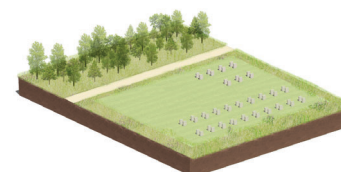


Sketch of entrance points to the burial meadow



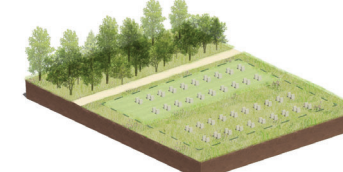
1. Year 1 - 5

Initial headstones with mown lawn  
Remaining space managed as a wildflower meadow  
New trees planted



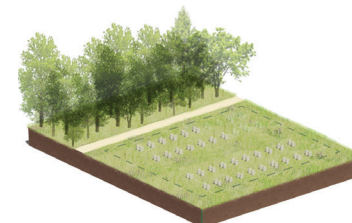
2. Year 5-10

Further headstones with mown lawn  
Meadow maintained outside of burial areas  
Planted trees begin to mature



3. Year 10-15

Area of initial headstones managed to include longer grass and meadow  
Mown lawn to active burial space  
Planted trees now semi-mature



4. Year 20+

Burial space managed to allow wildflower to grow  
Planted trees now mature

## Management of the burial meadow grasslands over time



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## We want to hear from you

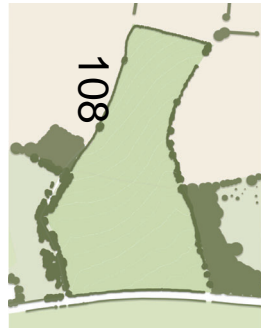
The Council is now inviting residents to get involved and give their views on the initial outline designs that have been developed for this new community green space before more detailed designs are expected to be submitted for planning approval in the autumn. Next project stages include securing funding and carrying out works on site.

Please visit the Burial Meadow project page of the Council website to have your say and stay up to date with project progress. [Oxford.gov.uk/burialmeadow](http://Oxford.gov.uk/burialmeadow)

## Key Aims

Create a naturalistic 'country park' style burial meadow which provides;

- Publicly accessible open space with footpath connections to the wider countryside
- Maximum wildlife and ecology benefit
- An important space for families and friends to gather at a time of bereavement and bury family members; as well as regularly return to visit graves and remember loved ones
- New burial space for Oxford for the next 40 to 45 years



1. Existing site, showing existing trees, hedgerows and surrounding landscape.



2. New tree planting connects existing areas of trees and encloses the site to the south and north.



3. New areas of meadow create a natural margin to the site and frames the burial spaces.



4. New footpath network connects to the wider countryside and provides access around the burial space.



5. Vehicle access from Oxford Road provides access for hearse, maintenance vehicles and for priority vehicle parking.



6. Burial space integrated into the new naturalistic landscape provides for approximately 40 years of burials.

Footpath provides walking loop around open space and burial meadow

Existing Public Right of Way retained in site design

Meadow swales provide natural drainage to site and burial plots. Alignment follows the site contours

Potential gathering/meeting point  
Burial spaces, with headstones running along the alignment of the site contours

New footpath link to existing Council car park

## Design Proposals



New tree planting supplements the existing boundary trees and hedgerow

Entrance feature signifies entering and leaving the burial meadow

**PHASE 2**  
Northern half of site will remain as a wildflower meadow until required

New natural margin to the site including wildflower meadow and trees

New tree planting connects existing areas of trees

Small parking zone for hearse, maintenance vehicles and priority vehicle parking

Access for hearse, maintenance vehicle and for priority vehicle parking