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Subject: Re: Locking: St Augustine Re. Area for burial of ashes in churchyard - feedback from standing committee August 2025 meeting

Dear Jacqui and Joanne,

Thank you for your email concerning our faculty application 2025-110423 for permission to use an area for burial of ashes in our churchyard here at St Augustine's Church in Locking.

We have discussed your suggestions, but unfortunately find them impractical for the following reasons:

- 1) The only burials allowed are in existing family graves and are dug by hand. The gap is not used by any mechanical excavator as space between the graves is too small.
- 2) The gap in the wall is used as a short cut by people walking along the East side of the churchyard over the graves to the gate in the SE corner. Installing a gate in the gap instead of filling it would encourage this and they would be walking over the new cremation plaques as well.
- 3) The area is small. Putting paving and a bench would considerably reduce the space for any new cremation plots. They would be soon full again. Having the gap walled up allows plots to be put along the inside of the wall.
- 4) Any vehicle parked in the disabled space would block the gate. A car using the space has to park close to the wall to let traffic past.
- 5) Access to the new plots will be from the South.

I hope that the attached churchyard plan will help clarify. Let me know if you need to discuss this further.

Please could you submit our application and this reply to the DAC 24th September meeting. Since submitting the application in February the area previously used for cremation plots is now completely full so we are anxious for a resolution.

Regards

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