

PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Westerleigh is holding a public exhibition on 9th March in the Council Chamber at Retford Town Hall, 17 The Square, Retford DN22 6DE from 2:30pm to 7:30pm. Please come along to see our proposals in more detail, ask any questions and let us know your thoughts.

THE ENVIRONMENT

The crematorium would include advanced filtration and abatement equipment, making it "clean to air" with no smoke or odours. Using the very latest technology, the crematorium will be one of the cleanest facilities in the UK. Before opening, Westerleigh will have to secure a permit from the local Environmental Health Officer under stringent and strictly enforced regulations.

An ecological survey has been undertaken, and the proposals will not affect the habitats of any protected species. The landscape, in time, will offer an improvement in the potential for biodiversity.

ACCESS AND HIGHWAYS

Westerleigh's highways engineer has consulted with Nottinghamshire Highways to establish the acceptability of a crematorium accessed from the A620. The new access will include a "right turn lane" which will allow traffic into and out of the site safely. The access will not conflict with the Sutton Lane crossroads.

Almost all funerals start between 10:30 am and 3:30pm. This is outside of peak traffic hours, so the crematorium will not conflict with or add to rush hour traffic. Westerleigh anticipates the crematorium hosting around 1,000 funerals per year when fully established, averaging at around four per day (Monday to Friday). With typically around 20 cars attending each funeral, this would mean on average 80 cars visiting the site each day. Currently the vehicles making those journeys have to travel further afield. The overall effect, therefore, will be a reduction in traffic on the road network.



Your comments are important

We would appreciate your comments on our proposal before we submit the planning application. Please write to:
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CREMATORIA & CEMETERY DEVELOPMENT



A Crematorium To Serve Bassetlaw

THE WESTERLEIGH GROUP

Established in 1991 and operating across England, Scotland & Wales, Westerleigh is the leading developer-operator of crematoria in the UK. The company has particular experience of developing new crematoria, having built 16 of its 24 crematoria, and with 6 more due to open in 2017. In caring for over 30,000 funerals a year, our mission statement of "empathy, care and understanding" guides everything we do.

Westerleigh's proposed crematorium in Bassetlaw will offer state of the art facilities within a parkland landscape. The focus is on providing a facility where the bereaved leave with memories of green space, flowers and trees.

The photographs below show typical examples of crematoria we have built elsewhere; you can find more on our website: <http://www.westerleighgroup.co.uk/locations.php>



Wessex Vale, Eastleigh



West Wiltshire, Trowbridge



Howe Bridge, Atherton

THE NEED FOR A NEW CREMATORIUM

Bassetlaw District currently has no crematorium provision, so local people have to travel out of the area to reach existing facilities. These journeys can take 30 minutes or more in a funeral cortege – an unacceptably long time on what is already a very stressful day.

A new Bassetlaw Crematorium at Babworth would mean that 77,000 people from Retford, Worksop and surrounding communities would, for the first time, be within a 30 minute cortege journey to a crematorium.

The new crematorium and memorial park will offer a tranquil, pleasant setting with beautiful landscaped grounds, providing the space and time for a dignified and respectful service.

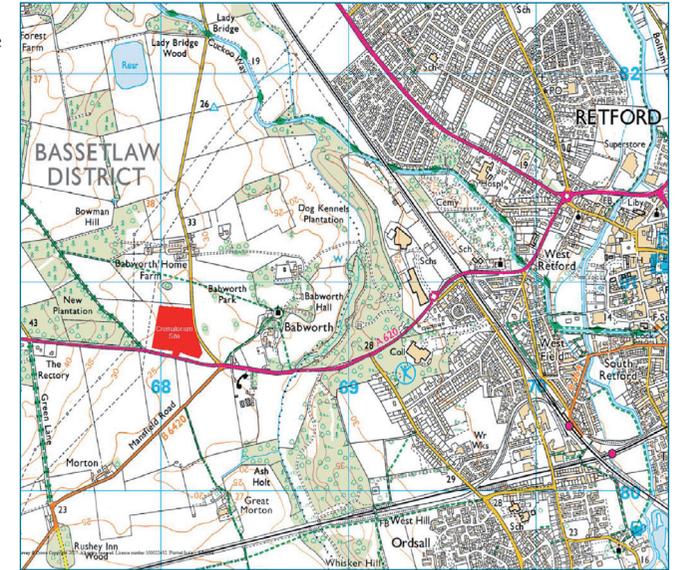


Artist's Impression

THE PROPOSALS

Westerleigh has secured a 12 acre site to be accessed off The Straight Mile, near its junction with Sutton Lane in Babworth.

Set behind the existing dense woodland screen, a modestly sized single storey building of only 438m² will house a 98-seat chapel, suitable for secular and multi faith use; a waiting room; accessible public toilets; the administrative offices and crematory. To the front of the chapel would be public parking for 76 cars, including four accessible spaces, whilst to the rear there would be a small service yard and staff parking.



The memorial park would contain a range of formal and informal landscaped areas, a scattering lawn and space for "living memorials", where the bereaved may dedicate a tree to their loved ones. The result will be an evolving parkland, offering space for family and friends to show their respect and take time for reflection.

