



THE ENVIRONMENT

The crematorium would include the most advanced filtration and abatement equipment, meaning there would be no smoke or odours emitted to the environment. An Air Quality Assessment Report will be submitted with the application, demonstrating that the proposal will satisfy stringent environmental regulations. Before opening, Westerleigh would secure a Permit from the Environmental Health Officer which would require periodic and continuous monitoring of the crematorium.

Our proposals protect and enhance existing habitats and include the retention and new planting of trees and enhancing boundary hedgerows.

ACCESS AND HIGHWAYS

Almost all funerals (around 95%) start from between 10:30 am and 3:30pm Monday to Friday. This is outside peak traffic hours, and so the crematorium would not conflict with or add to rush hour traffic in the area. Funerals will be at intervals of one hour, allowing plenty of time for family and friends to arrive and leave without crossing with other funeral parties.

Westerleigh anticipates on average 5 funerals per day, which will be attended by an average 25 cars at each.

PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Westerleigh is holding a public exhibition on 4th December 2018 at Pontllanfraith Working Mens Club (The Llanarth), Llanarth Road, Pontllanfraith, Blackwood, NP12 2LG, from 1:00pm until 7:00pm.

Please come along to see our proposals in more detail, ask any questions and let us know your thoughts.

Your comments are important

We would appreciate your comments on our proposal before we submit the planning application.

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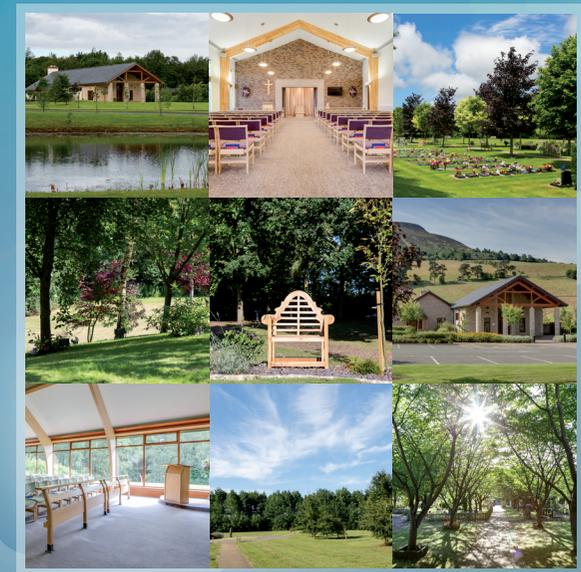
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CREMATORIA & CEMETERY DEVELOPMENT



A New Crematorium To Serve Blackwood, Pontllanfraith & Surrounding Areas

THE WESTERLEIGH GROUP

Established in 1991 and operating 31 facilities 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 25 of those 31, and with 1 more due to open this year. In caring for nearly 40,000 funerals a year, our mission statement of “empathy, care and understanding” guides everything we do.

Westerleigh’s proposed crematorium in Blackwood 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>



Langstone Vale Crematorium, Newport



Borders Crematorium, Melrose



Howe Bridge Crematorium, Atherton

THE NEED FOR A NEW CREMATORIUM

For the local residents the nearest crematoria are all more than 10 miles away, and journeys take over 30 minutes in a funeral cortege. Such a long journey, with the potential for traffic congestion, is unacceptable for friends and family on what is already a stressful day. It is widely accepted that the longest anyone should have to travel in a cortege is for 30 minutes.

The council area of Caerphilly is not served by a crematorium at present. For many residents, the closest crematoria are all over 30 minutes away. A new crematorium at Blackwood would mean that over 108,000 people from Blackwood and the surrounding communities would, for the first time, be with a 30 minute cortege journey to a crematorium. We anticipate that that the crematorium would host around 1,300 services per year.

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



THE PROPOSALS

Westerleigh would like to develop and operate a crematorium on a site at Pontllanfraith, Blackwood, which will be accessed off the Sirhowy Enterprise Way.

The building will be a modestly sized single storey building and will house a 98-seat chapel; a waiting room; accessible public toilets; administrative offices and crematory. To the front of the chapel would be public parking for 84 cars, including five accessible spaces, whilst to the rear there would be a small service yard and staff parking for 5 cars.

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.

