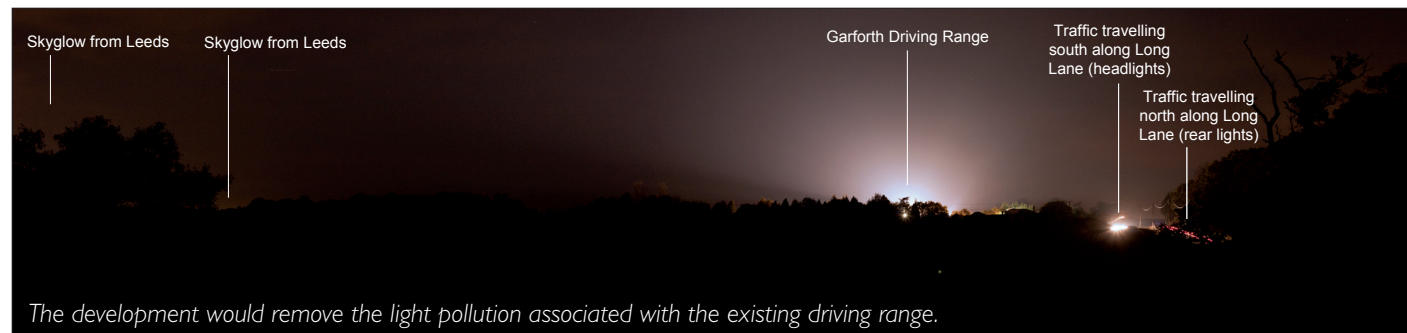


THE ENVIRONMENT

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

A full ecological survey has been undertaken, which identified the potential presence of bats. Our proposals will protect and enhance existing habitats and will include the retention and new planting of trees and hedgerows. The current use of the site requires bright floodlighting in the evenings, which can have a negative impact on bats; these will be removed as part of the proposals, eliminating a source of light pollution.



GREENBELT

The site lies within the greenbelt. This means that Westerleigh will need to show that the proposal would not impact on the openness of the greenbelt area, or if it does that there are very special circumstances why permission should be given. The chapel and crematorium building proposed has a smaller footprint than the existing driving range buildings, which would be demolished, and the nature of the crematorium and memorial park means that it would not have a harmful impact on openness. In addition, the need for additional crematorium capacity to serve Leeds and the surrounding towns and villages would go towards justifying very special circumstances.

ACCESS AND HIGHWAYS

Almost all funerals (around 95%) start from between 10:30 am and 3:30pm Monday to Friday. This is outside of 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 1 hour, allowing plenty of time for family and friends to arrive and leave without crossing with other funeral parties.

Westerleigh anticipates the crematorium hosting around 1,100 funerals per year, averaging out at fewer than 5 per day. The average number of cars at a funeral is around 23, which would mean an average of 115 cars visiting the site each day.

PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Westerleigh is holding a public exhibition on 11th July at Garforth Golf Club, Long Lane, Leeds LS25 2DS 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.

Your comments are important

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

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CREMATORIA & CEMETERY DEVELOPMENT



A Crematorium To Serve The East Of Leeds

THE WESTERLEIGH GROUP

Established in 1991 and operating 26 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 18 of those 26, and with 4 more due to open this year. 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 to the East of Leeds 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>



West Lothian Crematorium, Livingstone



Borders Crematorium, Melrose



Howe Bridge Crematorium, Atherton

THE NEED FOR A NEW CREMATORIUM

For the residents to the East of Leeds and surrounding towns and villages the nearest crematoria are all more than 10 miles away, and journeys take over 45 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.

Leeds is currently served by three crematoria at Lawnswood, Rawdon and Cottingley. Combined they serve a population of nearly 760,000 and undertook nearly 5,500 funerals in 2015.

The three crematoria are operating above capacity. This leads to long delays, of over 3 weeks at the busiest times of the year, even though the crematoria allow just 30 minutes for a funeral service. A new crematorium would greatly relieve this pressure as well as providing a much more accessible option for families to the East of Leeds.



A computer generated image of the new crematorium

THE PROPOSALS

Westerleigh would like to develop and operate a crematorium on a site at Long Lane, between Barwick in Elmet and Garforth, currently in use as a golf driving range.

Set behind an existing dense hedge and wooded screen, a modestly sized single storey building of only 463m2 will house a 98-seat chapel, adaptable for secular and multi faith use; a waiting room; accessible public toilets; administrative offices and crematory. To the front of the chapel would be public parking for 75 cars, including four accessible spaces, whilst to the rear there would be a small service yard and staff parking for 5 cars. The existing golf driving range buildings and hard standing would be removed, and that access point blocked off. A new access point would be created to improve visibility.

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.

