



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.

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

ACCESS AND HIGHWAYS

Almost all funerals (around 95%) take place between 10:30 am and 3:30pm Monday to Friday. This is outside peak traffic hours, 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.

Typically no more than 25 cars attend each funeral. This would mean on average up to 100 cars visiting the site each day.

PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Westerleigh is holding a public exhibition on 18th September at Nesscliffe Village Hall, Holyhead Road, Nesscliffe, Shropshire, SY4 1AX, from 2:30pm to 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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CREMATORIA & CEMETERY DEVELOPMENT



A Crematorium To Serve Oswestry & Surrounding Area

THE WESTERLEIGH GROUP

Established in 1991 and operating 30 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 24 of those 30, and with 2 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 to the south of Oswestry 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>



Vale Royal Crematorium, Northwich



Borders Crematorium, Melrose



Howe Bridge Crematorium, Atherton

THE NEED FOR A NEW CREMATORIUM

For local residents, the nearest crematoria are all more than 14 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 nearest crematorium at present is over 30 minutes away in the south east of Shrewsbury. Some families have to travel as far as Telford and Wrexham.

A new crematorium would provide a service to people living in Oswestry and the surrounding area. It would also greatly relieve pressure on the existing busy crematoria.



THE PROPOSALS

The Westerleigh Group would like to develop and operate a crematorium on a site near the Old A5 at Nesscliffe, between Shrewsbury to the south and Oswestry to the north. The building will be a modestly sized single storey building of only 406m² and will house a 96-seat chapel, a waiting room, accessible public toilets, administrative offices and a crematory. To the front of the chapel would be public parking for 81 cars, including four accessible spaces, whilst to the rear there would be a small service yard and staff parking for 5 cars. 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.

