

Crematorium Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
Where will the site be located?	Chingford Mount Cemetery
When will work start on site?	Estimated - 2025
When could the crematorium start to operate?	Estimated - 2026
What stage is the development programme?	<p>We are at the early stages of the design process and the project team is looking at new crematoria being built, the technology and issues that have arisen and how they have been responded too. There will be further engagement next year once the design has progressed, taking on board the feedback received as part of this early engagement. There will be opportunities to attend these sessions for further information and to provide further feedback.</p> <p>A formal process will also be available for interested parties to formally register a vote for the scheme via the statutory planning consultation process, which is expected to take place in Autumn 2024.</p>
What time of day will the crematorium operate?	Cremation services will be available Monday to Friday during off-peak hours 9:30 and 16:30. These would be the same operating hours as the current burial service at the cemetery.
How will traffic be managed?	<p>An extensive transport and traffic survey is to be carried out to assess the impact on traffic and neighbouring roads, and whether there will be any marked changes from the current traffic experienced at the site from funerals taking place at the cemetery.</p> <p>Services will be sufficiently spread out between the day to mitigate against conflicting services and sit within off-peak hours.</p>
What parking facilities will there be available?	As part of the next stage, we will undertake transport assessment that includes review of the existing parking provision within the cemetery grounds and surrounding areas. A transport consultant will conduct analysis and produce a report for planning assessment and review.
How far away from the nearest properties will the crematorium be?	<p>Any new crematorium on the site will have to adhere to strict planning and environmental controls, strictly limiting its effect on the surrounding area. The proposed development conforms with regulations and guidelines as the proposed area is developed further than 100 yards from dwellings. *</p> <p>*Source: London County Council (General Powers) Act 1935 Section 64, and 1971 Section 7</p>

What emissions will come out of the crematorium stacks? Will there be any smoke or smells?	<p>Modern filtration equipment has allowed crematoria to be significantly more environmentally friendly than they have been historically. There are strict abatement and emissions controls that govern crematoria, including ensuring that there will be no smoke or odours.</p> <p>Electric cremators are proposed for the development. Electric cremators operating on a green electricity tariff do not release any CO2 emissions from the fuel source. Abatement equipment attached to the cremator will process and filter 99.9% of particulates. Materials are separated, then collected by a recycling company for processing. The design and height of the stack will be informed by the dispersion modelling that is set to occur in the coming months.</p> <p>Emissions from the cremators are monitored through PG 5/12 (2) legislation which is set by DEFRA.</p>
What landscaping will be provided?	One of the project's objectives will be to ensure any landscape proposals enhance the existing mature environment with natural planting; primary sources of inspiration will be greater biodiversity and harmony with nature, and will also address the need for green screening to form a natural barrier at the cemetery boundaries.
Can any faith use the crematorium?	Those of faith and no faith will be welcome to use the facility.
Is there provision for the display of the flower tributes?	Yes, as part of the next stage, a flower court and memorial gardens will be considered in the landscaping design.
Can pets be cremated?	Due to legislation, pets cannot be cremated in a cremator designed and licensed for use on humans, so there are no plans to provide pet cremation at the proposed crematorium.
Will there be any noise?	As part of the next stage, we will need to undertake further assessments to ensure good acoustic design for the scheme and to satisfy planning. A noise assessment is planned to help ensure noise levels from the facility are very low during operating hours.
When is the planning application going in?	It is anticipated that a planning application will be submitted in Summer 2024.
What features will the development have?	A service hall, flower court, outdoor service area, maintenance yard, porte cochere (a porch where vehicles stop to set down passengers), memorial garden, native woodland area, ash interment and

	parking provision are to be considered as part of the next stage.
How big is the crematorium going to be?	In line with the existing temporary hard standing located at the centre of the cemetery, it is anticipated that it will be approximately 550m ²
What interment methods are being considered?	There are various new and innovative methods of interment available for ashes, such as mausoleums for above-ground interment or the provision of concrete interment chambers, which are similar to traditional interments except that the grave is lined and a portion of it stands above ground. During the design stage, various above-ground and below-ground chamber designs will be assessed. Along with the current plots interred at the cemetery, families may choose to keep the ashes themselves, which reduces the demand for interment space. The team will assess, review, and seek approval to satisfy planning and environmental guidelines.
Why is the council building a crematorium?	<p>Space for new burials in Chingford Mount Cemetery is running out and it's estimated there is only enough space for eight to 10 more years.</p> <p>Chingford Mount Cemetery is the only council-owned working cemetery in the borough. Creating a crematorium at the heart of an established cemetery that the council owns has substantial advantages over researching, purchasing, and developing another site, as well as helping to ensure the future of the current, much-loved cemetery as a final resting place for local people. Over 75 per cent of people now opt for cremation over burial; in 2022, 82% of people that died opted for cremation over burial across Great Britain, and Waltham Forest doesn't currently offer this facility to residents.</p> <p>There is a proven quantitative need for a crematorium in this region to serve the needs of the people within this community who are currently unserved by any other crematorium within an approximate 30-minute drive time at cortege speed. We'll need to undertake further assessments to satisfy planning, as part of this process, a sequential test report will be compiled to support the location chosen.</p>
Hasn't another crematorium in Sewardstone Road just been	An application for a crematorium at Sewardstone Park Cemetery is still going through the planning process,



given planning permission to open. Does the area need two?

with several planning conditions to be met. The granting of planning permission does not automatically allow the development to commence. The location of the proposed crematorium is outside Waltham Forest and difficult to access by public transport for Waltham Forest residents, and would not solve the current issue of residents having to travel outside the borough for cremation. Building a crematorium at Chingford Mount Cemetery is also a way to secure its future once it reaches capacity for burials.

Any questions please email: Crematorium.Enquiries@walthamforest.gov.uk

More information on the proposed crematorium is available on the Waltham Forest Council website: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/births-deaths-and-marriages/deaths/cemeteries