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**Residential Allocation Wolston  
Site I.D. 39**

The Rugby Borough Council Local Plan has identified an area of land (Site I.D. 39 Site Area: 1.04ha) in Dyer's Lane Wolston CV8 3HE, to be considered for specialist older people's housing. The identified area of land includes land currently occupied by Telephone Exchange and a small area of overgrown land at the rear of Wolston Cemetery.

The small overgrown area of land at the rear of the cemetery has always been considered as a possible extension to the cemetery. In 2020, a working party from the Wolston, Brandon & Bretford Joint Burial Committee was involved in negotiations with a view to purchasing the land in question, including consultation with solicitors.

Wolston Parish Council has also requested that this land be safeguarded for the use of the cemetery and this should be recorded at Rugby.

The current cemetery land, inevitably, will reach the end of its capacity to provide resting places for the deceased. The south west side of the cemetery which is currently being used, is developing issues with waterlogging due to pockets of running sand. This results in difficulties for excavation and keeping sites dry for interments.

Acceptable conditions for interment may become a major issue in the future due to the limited land available on site and the need to safeguard watercourses.

If the land in question could be purchased for cemetery use, the mature trees and hedges would be managed and maintained in an endeavour to avoid root damage and would be used for ashes plots to avoid deep excavation and leave space in the central site of the cemetery for grave spaces. This procedure would benefit the natural habitat.

It is for the above reasons that the Wolston, Brandon & Bretford Joint Burial Committee wish to register its concern at the current proposal for the use of the smaller area of land at the rear of the cemetery and respectfully requests that this area of land **(Site I.D. 39), be safeguarded for the future use of Dyer's Lane Cemetery, Wolston.**

**Yours sincerely,**

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