



NEW BURIAL GROUND CAR PARK POLICY

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1. Purpose of Policy

This policy sets out Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council's approach to the interim use and management of the New Burial Ground Car Park.

The car park is located within the New Burial Ground site; however, the burial ground is not yet operational. The Council therefore recognises that the site currently functions as an interim community parking facility, alongside its long-term intended use as a burial ground car park.

The policy aims to:

- Provide clarity on current permitted use
- Support safe and proportionate community parking provision
- Reduce on-street parking pressures in the local area where appropriate
- Prevent inappropriate use of the site, including overnight stays
- Protect the site for its future burial ground function
- Ensure proportionate and flexible management

2. Site Status

The New Burial Ground Car Park is:

- Completed and available for use
- Located within land designated for future burial ground operations
- Not currently required exclusively for cemetery operations due to the new burial ground not yet being operational

The site is therefore managed as an interim shared-use facility pending full operational commencement of the burial ground.

3. Interim Use Position

The Parish Council acknowledges that the car park may provide a beneficial role in:

- Reducing on-street parking pressure in surrounding residential roads
- Supporting safe and accessible parking for residents and visitors
- Assisting local traffic management and safety
- Providing overflow parking during community use of nearby facilities

The Council permits general short-stay community use subject to the conditions set out in this policy.

4. Permitted Use

The car park may be used for:

- Visitors to nearby community facilities, including the burial ground, church and church hall
- Short-stay general parking by local residents and visitors where it supports local access, safety, or helps reduce on-street congestion
- Funeral-related traffic and associated services (excluding heavy goods vehicles and caravans)

- Contractors and authorised service providers using light commercial vehicles only

Use is on a first-come, first-served basis, and no parking spaces are reserved.

5. Vehicle Restrictions

The following vehicle restrictions apply:

- Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) are not permitted due to site design limitations, surface loading capacity, and protection of long-term infrastructure
- Caravans are not permitted
- Access is limited to cars, motorcycles, and light commercial vehicles (e.g. small vans)
- Camper vans and motorhomes may only use the site for short-term parking associated with legitimate visits and must not be used for overnight stays or habitation
- Any vehicle exceeding light commercial classification is not suitable for the site
- No construction traffic or axle-load vehicles are permitted unless specifically authorised in advance by the parish council for essential works. This restriction is intended to protect the integrity of the site and ensure safe and sustainable use for community purposes.

6. Prohibited or Discouraged Use

The following uses are not permitted:

- Overnight stays in any vehicle, including camper vans and motorhomes
- Camping, habitation, or extended occupation of vehicles
- Storage of vehicles, trailers, or equipment
- Use causing obstruction, nuisance, or anti-social behaviour
- Long-stay parking that prevents availability for general community use
- Use of caravans or similar accommodation units under any circumstances
- Any use inconsistent with the safe, respectful, and intended function of the site

The Council may take proportionate steps to address misuse where identified.

7. Overnight Parking

Overnight parking is not an intended or supported use of the site.

Signage has been installed to communicate this position. The Council will continue to monitor usage and consider further measures only if required.

8. Future Burial Ground Requirement

This policy operates on an interim basis. The Council reserves the right to review and amend access arrangements when the burial ground becomes fully operational to ensure priority is given to:

- Cemetery visitors
- Funeral operations
- Maintenance and operational access requirements

Any future changes will be subject to formal Council resolution.

9. Management

Management of the site is therefore undertaken through:

- On-site signage
- Informal monitoring and reporting
- Environmental or physical deterrents where proportionate and approved
- Liaison with external enforcement bodies where necessary

10. Equality Considerations

The Council is committed to ensuring that this policy is applied fairly and without discrimination.

Particular regard will be given to ensuring:

- Continued reasonable access for disabled users
- Access for those with mobility or medical needs
- No unreasonable restriction of legitimate vehicular access

11. Review

This policy will be reviewed:

- Every two years, or
- Earlier if operational requirements of the burial ground change, or
- If issues arise requiring reconsideration of parking arrangements

12. Adoption

Adopted by resolution of Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council Planning and Development Committee 17 June 2026, Minute Reference P26/103.