

Q&A

What public transport is available to the site?

- Nearest bus stop (Coastliner 700 - The Oystercatcher - 10 minute walk)
- Nearest train station (Littlehampton)
- Taxi
- There is a cycleway on Grevatt's Lane providing access from Littlehampton and Bognor Regis.

What will the operating times be?

Cremation services will be offered between 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday and by appointment on Saturday mornings. Most services would take place between 10.30am and 3.30pm. It would not normally operate on bank holidays or Sundays.

What will you do about the increase in traffic?

The small number of timed services spread throughout the day means that there should not be any significant increase in traffic. More generally, total car miles driven to attend cremations in the area should reduce due to the increased convenience of the site for many people.

Where are the nearest existing crematoria?

Worthing (15 miles) and Chichester (10 miles) are the closest sites. According to The Cremation Society of Great Britain, these two sites carried out 5,464 cremations in 2017. Worthing is one of the three busiest crematoria in the country.

How many jobs will be created?

This site will be a low intensity operation and the facility makes maximum use of the latest technology meaning only a small number of people are needed to operate it. We anticipate employing about 6 people and expect they will all live locally.

What pollution will be released into the air from the crematorium?

Government regulations around what can be released into the atmosphere are very strict. The new site will include the very latest technology that exceeds these requirements.

What will you do with floral tributes?

All floral tributes are disposed of in an environmentally friendly way.

About Southern Co-op

Southern Co-op is a successful, independent regional business owned by its 165,000 members. As a co-operative, we believe in a different way of doing business because we're owned by our members, not big investors.

Established in Portsmouth, Hampshire in 1873, our business includes over 250 community food stores and funeral homes across eleven counties in southern England. We also operate a natural burial ground in West Sussex and crematoria in Hampshire and Devon.

Supporting local communities is at the heart of what we do and through our Love Your Neighbourhood scheme, we support the creation of safer, greener, healthier and more

inclusive neighbourhoods. In 2017, through our own investments, colleague fundraising, member, supplier and customer donations, we gave back over £1.26m to local communities.

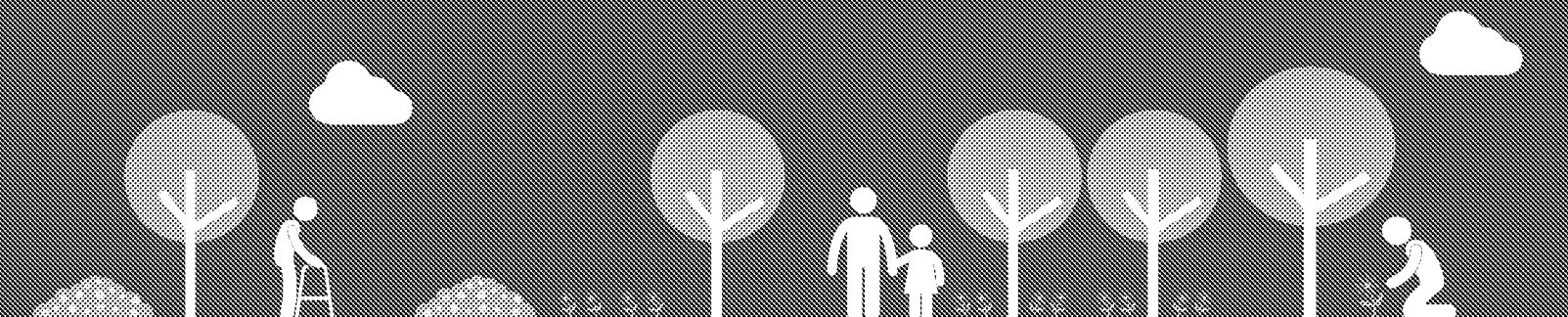
All of our profits are either reinvested into our business, shared with our local members or used to support good causes.

If you would like to find out more about us, please visit southernco-op.co.uk

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A New Crematorium Proposal

Introducing new plans to better serve the needs of our community

Southern Co-op has been supporting bereaved families across the south for over 75 years. We operate a natural burial ground in Sussex, The Oaks crematorium in Havant, Hampshire and another crematorium in Devon. We understand how difficult the loss of a loved one can be for friends and family and as such, we are committed to delivering the most caring and personalised funeral services which includes our nationally recognised bereavement service.

At present the southern area of West Sussex is served by crematoria at Chichester and Worthing. As a local business, we are aware that unfortunately, these crematoria are among the busiest in the country.

At Southern Co-op, we've been looking at ways we could help to improve this position and have been looking for sites that may offer an opportunity to serve local families and communities closer to home.

We believe we've found an ideal site to the west of Littlehampton on land to the south of the A259, on Grevatt's Lane, Climping. We are looking to develop this land with a purpose built crematorium that Southern Co-op will own and operate, which will greatly improve the experience for local families dealing with bereavement.

The crematorium will be available to all funeral directors.

Our plans include a tranquil memorial garden to maintain and enhance the natural environment, while modern technology in the building itself will minimise our impact on the wider environment.

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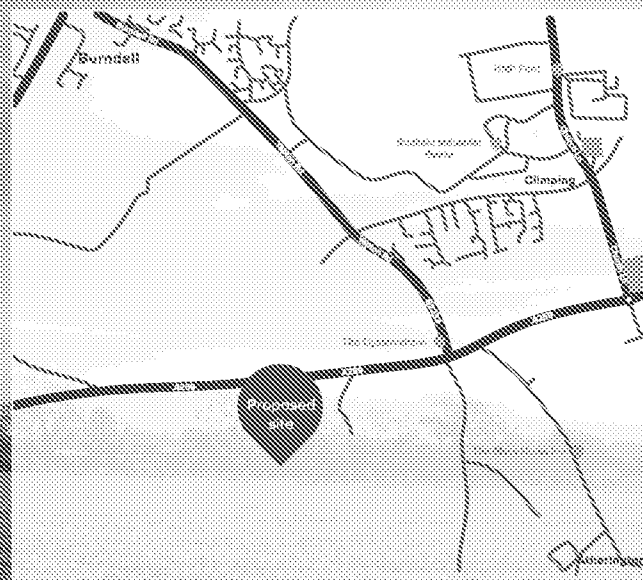


In this document, you will find further details on our proposal, what's involved and what it will look like.

The Site Itself

Located on land to the south of the A259 on Grevatt's Lane, the site is currently used as agricultural land and measures approximately four hectares in size. The entrance to the crematorium will be from Grevatt's Lane.

The crematorium will be set back from the road and access will be via a private drive. Our proposals ensure the land retains its character, carrying out additional work on site to support and enhance biodiversity in the area.



Our Plans In Detail

We are proposing a low profile building that would be screened from Grevatt's Lane by native tree planting. The crematorium will provide a covered entrance and a waiting room for mourners. The service hall will provide a personal and intimate place for services and when necessary, be able to accommodate large congregations.



Outside will be a beautiful memorial garden and a wildflower meadow accessed by pathways. The remainder of the site will be landscaped with low level shrubs and ornamental trees to provide mourners with a tranquil space where cremated remains can

be laid to rest. We will provide a main car park with 94 spaces, 6 disabled spaces and 24 cycle spaces. There will also be space to accommodate an overflow car park with a further 60 spaces if required.



The Building

We will create a building that embraces the principles of sustainability and complements the natural features of the landscape. It will also employ sustainable heating, lighting, cooling and ventilation solutions designed to reduce energy demand and the overall building environmental footprint.

The building will be low rise to limit visual impact with energy efficient lighting to minimise light pollution. We would aim, through our energy procurement arrangements, to ensure the building's electricity is sourced from 100% renewable sources. We will seek to use local materials where feasible.

The Grounds

Southern Co-op has longstanding relationships with Wildlife Trusts across our region, having worked closely with them at our other crematoria and natural burial ground to identify and implement initiatives that protect and enhance the natural environment.

This has included establishing wildflower meadows, planting native flowers and trees, enhancing natural ponds and installing habitat homes for wildlife including beehives.

We have a close relationship with the Sussex Wildlife Trust and the South Downs National Park and would work with them to develop a biodiversity action plan for the site. We would identify the best ways to enhance the environment for the benefit of local wildlife while ensuring we complement the surroundings.



Responsible Business

We are committed to managing our business in a responsible and sustainable manner, whether that be reducing carbon, saving energy, preventing waste or through active, genuine support for our local communities.

We are a key player within the responsible business agenda and are active members of Business In The Community (BITC), which is HRH The Prince of Wales' responsible business network.