

Ref – SMD / 2023/0544 .

Site – Land adjacent St John's Church , Wetley Rocks .

Existing site use – Field .

Proposed Use – Extension to existing church burial area .

Site Assessment – the application site is a 3.3 metres strip of land currently used as part of a large open field . It is situated adjacent to St Johns Church and the existing church burial area .

Use – the proposed use would provide additional burial space for multi faith burials in a separate area but adjacent to the main burial area of the church . As such is constitutes a continuation of the adjacent burial space and the use is consistent .

Amount - the area involved is more than adequate for the number of burials envisaged .

Layout – The elongated shape of the application site is ideal for the intended use and reduces the need to use more than a 3.3 metres wide strip of field .

Scale – N/A

Landscaping – none proposed .

Appearance – the new burial site will have a 900mm high wall along the new boundary with the field constructed in an approved walling block with a natural stone appearance . The block will be carefully chosen to match the existing retained stone wall of the church . The entrance to the new site will be via a timber ledged and braced pedestrian gate fixed between timber posts .

Access – direct off St Johns Drive . No works required .