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IN PARLIAMENT

SESSION 2019–20

HIGHGATE CEMETERY BILL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made to Parliament by the Friends of Highgate Cemetery Trust (“the Trust”) for leave to introduce a Bill in the new Session under the above name or short title.

The purposes of the Bill are to confer powers on the Trust, who is the burial authority responsible for Highgate Cemetery (“the cemetery”). These powers would authorise the Trust to extinguish rights of burial in grave spaces where such a right has not been exercised for at least 75 years from the last burial or if there has been no burial, from the date of the grant of that right. Where such rights are extinguished, the Bill also authorises the Trust to disturb and reinter human remains in graves in the cemetery in order to increase the space for further interments in such graves and for the improvement of the cemetery. The powers would also enable the Trust to use appropriately or remove altogether from the cemetery any memorials on such graves. The same powers are already available to local authorities in London in respect of cemeteries for which they are responsible. The powers would enable the Trust, following consultation with or at the request of Historic England and the London Borough of Camden, to designate “protected graves”. If a grave is protected in this way, then the powers to extinguish burial rights and disturb remains can only be exercised with the agreement of Historic England and the London Borough of Camden. The Bill also makes provision for the repeal of historic and redundant legislation pertaining to the London Cemetery Company, which was the statutory company originally responsible for the cemetery, together with other ancillary provisions.

On and after 4 December 2019 a copy of the Bill may be inspected and copies of it obtained at the price of £3 each at the offices of:

Location:	Opening Hours:
Highgate Cemetery Swain’s Lane London N6 6PJ	Mondays to Fridays: 10:00 to 16:00 Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays: By arrangement (Telephone: 020 8340 1834)
BDB Pitmans LLP 50 Broadway, Westminster, London SW1H 0BL	Mondays to Fridays: 09:30 to 17:30 Saturdays, Sundays, 27 December 2019 and Bank Holidays: Closed

A copy of the Bill may also be viewed from 4 December 2019 at Highgate Cemetery’s website: <https://highgatecemetery.org/news>.

Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, if the Bill is introduced in the House of Lords, or in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons, if the Bill is introduced in that House. The latest date for the deposit of such a Petition in

the First House will be 30 January 2020 if the Bill originates in the House of Commons, or 6 February 2020 if it originates in the House of Lords. The latest date for deposit of such a Petition in the Second House will be the tenth day after the first reading of the Bill in that House or, if the House is not sitting on that day, on the next day on which that House sits.

Further information regarding petitioning may be found on the Parliament's webpage at: <https://www.parliament.uk/about/how/laws/bills/private/privatebillpetition/> or by contacting either—

(a) the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords:

E-mail: hlprivatebills@parliament.uk

Telephone: 020 7219 3231

(b) the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons:

E-mail: prbohoc@parliament.uk

Telephone: 020 7219 6008

(c) BDB Pitmans LLP:

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