

Additional Public Forum Statement

George Ferguson

We fully appreciate and respect the requirement to find additional land for the burial of Bristol citizens whose beliefs exclude the possibility of cremation. However it is both unacceptable and unnecessary to take land from the last remaining farm within Bristol without an exhaustive investigation of alternative solutions for short, medium and long term requirements. We ask the committee that time is given to commission an independent review of alternatives, with particular emphasis on acquiring less sensitive land outside the city boundary that would enable burials to take place into the foreseen future, with the instruction to report back in 6 months time in order to inform a final decision on the fate of Yew Tree Farm. This would include the possibility of sharing facilities with neighbouring authorities, bearing in mind that burial is deemed a permissible use within Green Belt,

George Ferguson & others