



## Places for Remembering

### Policy OS6: Cemeteries and Burial Grounds

- A. Trafford's existing cemeteries and crematoria will be protected as open spaces for burial and memorial use.
- B. Proposals for new/additional burial space will be supported where they are not located in a flood zone and are located outside of a groundwater source protection zone.
- C. Opportunities to enhance the biodiversity value of cemeteries and burial spaces will be encouraged and supported.

### Places for Everyone Links

Policy JP-G2; JP-G6; and JP-P6

### Relevant Strategic Objectives

SO2, SO3 and SO7

- 9.35. Cemeteries and burial space including churchyards represent an important but often overlooked open space resource that provide important benefits and services in terms of access to greenspace, biodiversity and green infrastructure.
- 9.36. However, cemeteries and burial grounds are particularly adversely affected by flooding and as such must not be located in areas of flood risk (from any source of flooding).
- 9.37. Similarly, these sites have the potential to contaminate groundwater supplies and are therefore the subject of rigorous regulations from the Environment Agency to ensure that there are no adverse impacts for identified Groundwater Source Protection Zones, which are available as open-source data.
- 9.38. Increased need for cemeteries and crematoria that meet the needs of a wide range of faiths and religions, means that additional land will need to be made available to ensure that their essential functions can continue.



### **Consultation Question 9-6**

Do you support Policy OS6? Are there any changes required which would improve the policy? Please provide any supporting evidence which you think is relevant.