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| **Services and Facilities Meeting** |  A black and white drawing of a building with a tower  Description automatically generated with low confidence  Market Drayton Town Council |
| **Date: 8 February 2024** |
| **Agenda Item: 7.SF ii**  |
| **Appendix : SF144** |

**Background**

There are approximately 5880 burial plots and 510 cremated remains plots at the Cemetery.

**Burial Figures**

Below is a table which sets out the number of burials at the Cemetery since 2018.

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|   | Cremated RemainsNew | Cremated RemainsRe-open | BurialsNew | Burialsre-open |
| 2018 | 4 | 9 | 23 | 19 |
| 2019 | 4 | 15 | 23 | 19 |
| 2020 | 6 | 9 | 23 | 27 |
| 2021 | 7 | 7 | 19 | 20 |
| 2022 | 10 | 8 | 17 | 24 |
| 2023 | 11 | 12 | 34 | 13 |
|   | 42 | 60 | 139 | 122 |

From 2018 to 2023 the average number of burials in new grave plots is 23 and the average number of interments in new grave plots is 7.

**Current Capacity**

There are approximately 620 burial plots and 108 cremated remains plots which have not been purchased at the cemetery.

**Future Capacity**

Based on the figures above there is approximately 27 years burial provision and 15 years interment provision.

**For Consideration**

To resolve to contact local agents and landowners with a view to purchasing land for a cemetery.