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Dear Sirs ,

With reference to the attached appeal I comment as follows. Environment Agency SR2025 No 3:generic risk assessment -natural burial ground parameter 5. This requirement cannot be complied with on this site as the water table is very high. No tests seem to be in place in the submitted documents. There are also wells, used for drinking water close by.

The potential for water contamination must be taken into account ,ie water table, well water, spring water, and general surface drainage.

Yours faithfully

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## PLANNING APPEAL FORM (Online Version)

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## Appeal Reference: APP/Z3825/W/25/3375037

### A. APPELLANT DETAILS

*The name of the person(s) making the appeal must appear as an applicant on the planning application form.*

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| Name | Mr Sam and Charlie Tingey |
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### B. AGENT DETAILS

Do you have an Agent acting on your behalf? — Yes ☑ No ☐

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### C. LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY (LPA) DETAILS

# SR2025 No 3: generic risk assessment – natural burial grounds

The Environment Agency produces the generic risk assessments for all standard rules permits. These list the potential risks and how to manage them.

This generic risk assessment covers activities set out in draft standard rules set SR2025 No. 3, which can be viewed via the consultation page for these rules. Check this generic risk assessment to understand:

- the potential environmental risks associated with natural burial grounds
- how to manage the risks effectively

Each risk comprises:

- information about the source, pathway and receptor – and the potential harm to that receptor
- a judgement of the level of risk and justification of that judgement
- actions for managing the risk (through permitting) and a residual risk rating after managing it

Risk management involves breaking or limiting the source-pathway-receptor linkage to reduce the risk. We will control the residual risk (after risk management) when we assess compliance.

If you need to check the meaning of any terms we have used (in the context of this risk assessment), see the explanation of terms at the end of this document. To see the definition of technical terms, see the "Interpretation" section of the Standard Rules associated with this risk assessment.

This generic risk assessment is based on the following parameters.

## Parameter 1

Permitted activities under schedule 22 3(1) are the burial of human remains at natural burial grounds.

## Parameter 2

The number of burials per annum must be less than:

- 200 when located on strata which are a secondary B aquifer or secondary undifferentiated aquifer
- 150 when located on strata which are a secondary A aquifer
- 100 when located on strata which are a principal aquifer

## Parameter 3

Where a cemetery is located on strata with different aquifer designations, the restrictions on number of burials per annum as described in parameter 2 apply to the area of the cemetery located on strata with that aquifer designation.

## Parameter 4

A burial must not be undertaken directly into groundwater or in an area susceptible to groundwater flooding.

## Parameter 5

A grave must have at least 1 metre clearance between the base of the grave and the top of the water table.

## Parameter 6

A grave must not be dug in unaltered or unweathered bedrock.

## Parameter 7

Burials must not take place within a groundwater Source Protection Zone 1 or Source Protection Zone 2.

## Parameter 8

A burial within a cemetery must not be within 10 metres of any field drain, including any dry ditch.

## Parameter 9

A burial must not be within 30 metres of any spring or watercourse.

## Parameter 10

A burial must be a minimum distance from certain types of sensitive receptors. It cannot be in or within:

- 50 metres of a wetland designated as a European site
- 50 metres of a Ramsar site
- 50 metres of a water-based Local Nature Reserve (LNR)
- 50 metres of a biological Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

## Parameter 11

A burial must not be within an ancient woodland.

## Parameter 12

The cemetery must not be located within 250 metres of any well, spring or borehole that is used to supply water for domestic drinking or food production purposes.

## Parameter 13

The cemetery must not have more than 1,580 burials per hectare, in proportion to the total area of the new cemetery or extension.

## Parameter 14

Human remains treated with embalming fluid must not be buried.