



Central Durham Crematorium Joint Committee

Cremator Replacement Project Update March 2011



Project Board meetings have been held on a regular basis with key representation to plan and review progress against the operation and financial aspects, this supports and guides the regular project team meetings that have been continuing from last summer.

Planning consent was granted on 8th March 2011 which formally signalled the start of the project works. The trees that were identified for felling have been cleared and the hoardings painted in dark green have been erected around the area in which the new extension will be built and around the roadway side of the new car park. This is a key element to screening ongoing works from view and completed outside normal service hours to minimise disruption to the ongoing services. (Before and after photos below).



The boilers and electrical systems have been removed from the boiler house and garden store. All equipment stored there has been re-located to secure containers on site and the temporary gas main has been relocated. The building is now ready for demolition.

In addition, a temporary cess pit has been installed in the service yard and arrangements are in place for daily emptying. Ongoing daily liaison is happening between Alan Jose and the contractors to ensure works are up to specification and any impact on the ongoing operations are minimised.

What is coming up?

Over the weekend of 26th / 27th March 2011, the boiler house and garden store will be demolished and the relocated gas main will be connected. The existing electricity meter will be relocated on 29th March 2011.

The foundation works will begin following the demolition and this prompt start on the enabling works will allow some flexibility in case of inclement conditions, to meet the tight 15th May 2011, deadline for certain works as specified by English Nature. The contract award for the electrical substation and new electrical cable.

Communications

Member briefings will be issued on a monthly basis giving up to date details of progress across the project. Future issues will also summarise the budgetary position. The press releases to date have given some very positive publicity to the scheme.

Notices have been placed in the Crematorium grounds advising visitors of what is happening and why.

A turf cutting ceremony has been arranged for Tuesday 29th March 2011, at 12 noon. The Chairman, the Vice Chairman of the Central Durham Crematorium Joint Committee and the Chairman of the County Council will be in attendance and the press will be present.

An open evening has been arranged for Wednesday 6th April 2011, at 6pm at the Crematorium to which Funeral Directors, Clergy, Funeral Celebrants, together with all members of Durham County Council and the Chairman & Vice Chairman of Central Durham Crematorium Joint Committee and Spennymoor Town Council will be invited.

The Chairman of the Central Durham Crematorium Joint Committee, Councillor Maria Plews, will welcome those present and introduce Richard Fenwick, the Project Team Leader, who will give a presentation of the scheme. There will be an opportunity for questions to be asked on any aspect of the scheme

Light refreshments will be served from 5.30pm.