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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Birkhill Baby Ground, Environmental Improvement Plans**

I am writing to you with an update to a letter sent in December about proposals to undertake Environmental Improvements to the baby area at Birkhill Cemetery.

These plans have now been developed further and are designed to deliver a number of improvements to enhance the space, allow for easier maintenance and create a dedicated area on each lair for memorabilia.

We are looking to ensure a defined area around each of the lairs which will reduce the risk of damage to memorabilia. Improvements to the access path and the memorial wall are included in the plans. To ensure people have a clear understanding of the proposed changes to the lairs we are planning to erect a small example area within the cemetery.

As I outlined in my letter, the council is also reviewing the current rules and regulations relating to memorabilia so that everyone has clear guidance on this issue.

In advance of the start of the works, the council will be in touch with you to request that memorabilia is removed temporarily to allow this improvement programme to go ahead. We understand that this is a highly sensitive issue and the Council will be offering support to you during this process.

We welcome comments relating to the designs, comments should be returned to Rod Houston ([rod.houston@dundee.gov.uk](mailto:rod.houston@dundee.gov.uk)) or John Pratt ([john.pratt@dundee.gov.uk](mailto:john.pratt@dundee.gov.uk)) or to 3 City Square, Dundee, DD1 3BA.

We propose that, all going well, improvement works could begin during the summer.

The design plans will be available to view in the baby ground noticeboard and also available on the Council's website at <https://www.dundee.gov.uk/service-area/neighbourhood-services/environment/bereavement-services-guide-to-citys-cemeteries>

Yours faithfully



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