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Construction starts on West Hertfordshire crematorium



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Work starts today on a new crematorium based in Hemel Hempstead that will serve the needs of residents in Hertsmere and other parts of West Hertfordshire.

The single-storey crematorium which will be a sister site to West Herts Crematorium will feature a remembrance chapel and gardens that sit within extensive landscaped grounds on land adjacent to the new Poppy Fields cemetery at Bedmond Road by Bunkers Park.

The crematorium is being developed to provide additional capacity in the West Hertfordshire region. It will also serve residents in Watford, Three Rivers, Dacorum and St Albans councils.



The new facility, pictured left as a computer-generated aerial view, will enhance the quality of service provided to bereaved families by increasing service times from 40 to 60 minutes so there is more time for individual ceremonies.

West Herts Crematorium based in Garston opened in 1959 and performs over 3,000 cremations annually for residents from the West Hertfordshire area, so the new site will be a welcome addition providing the same high quality service.

Cllr Seamus Quilty, our Portfolio Holder for the Environment, said:

“Ensuring that a person is laid to rest in a timely, peaceful and life-affirming manner and that bereaved families have a chance to grieve and be together is a priority for us, as a council.

“I’m pleased that work has now started on this modern and well thought-out crematorium, which will serve residents in our borough, in addition to existing facilities.

“This project will help us ensure that everyone has access to a place where there is the space and time to remember and commemorate loved ones in a way that best reflects their life and the individual.”

The West Herts Crematorium Joint Committee which includes representatives from all of the local councils in the area, and oversees the management and the operation of the existing crematorium in Garston will also manage the new facility. It will operate on the same basis as the existing crematorium with services running Monday to Friday and general enquiries on Saturdays.

Construction works started today (Monday 1 November) and are expected to be completed by December 2022.

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