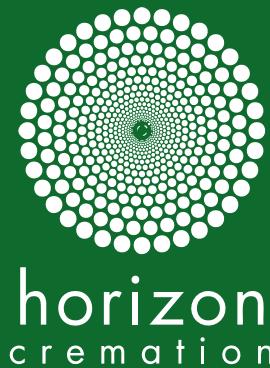


A NEW CREMATORIUM FOR HOOTON



We are bringing forward revised plans for a new crematorium on land off Hooton Road in Hooton. This responds to the growing need in Cheshire West and Chester, with a facility that provides families with time to say goodbye in peaceful surroundings.

Since our original application in 2023 we have taken on board the feedback from the local community and significantly changed the plans. We're now looking for your views on the new plans before we submit a planning application later this year.

THE UPDATED PLANS



We have carefully considered the feedback from the previous application and have worked hard over the last 18 months to address the issues raised. As a result, the plans have been redesigned to respond to concerns, including visual impact and noise.

We've repositioned the building to the far end of the site to take advantage of the natural topography and pre-existing bunding and mature tree belt, thereby shielding the building from the small cluster of nearby housing to the east of the site, and from Hooton Road.

The new design also features a green grass roof that rises naturally from the ground and flows over the building, allowing it to complement the landscape. The site will feature memorial and eco gardens, providing a befitting and reflective space for families to return to, alongside a wildlife pond and a new public footpath, which will provide the local community with access to nearby dog-walking fields.

A NEW STANDARD IN CREMATION SERVICES

We all think about how we want to live well, finding homes where we feel safe, care that supports us as we age, and comfort for those we love. But it's often harder to talk about what happens when we're gone.

Planning for end of life is not only about loss, but about love and lasting memories. It's about creating a place where family and friends can come together to remember and reflect; somewhere gentle, dignified, and calm.

Hooton Crematorium will offer families the opportunity to say goodbye to their loved ones in a peaceful way. Horizon's service is about giving people time and choice: time to sit, breathe and say goodbye at their own pace and at a time that reflects their needs, whether that's sunrise, sunset or midday. We also have a dedicated team delivering compassionate care to ensure every farewell is highly personal and respectful.



CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT



Sustainability is central to Horizon's vision, and we are well on track to become the UK's first net zero crematoria operator. We are committed to achieving net-zero carbon at all our facilities, through energy efficiency, renewable energy generation and tree planting.

We plant a tree for every service held and have planted more than 20,000 trees across our sites over the last five years alone.

The site is also in a sustainable location, being only a short walk from Hooton train station and a bus stop, providing sustainable travel options for families, visitors and staff.

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES AND CHARITIES

Horizon crematoria are designed to be more than places of farewell, they are spaces that bring communities together, encouraging openness and understanding around death and remembrance. As such, we regularly host open days and guided tours to help build understanding and trust in the cremation process. We also positively contribute to the local economy through investment, employment, and supply chain opportunities.

Every Horizon crematorium raises and match-funds donations for local charities, and so far, we have donated over £150,000 to local hospices and other important local community causes and charities over the last five years.



£150,000+
donated to charities

MEETING LOCAL NEEDS WITH CARE AND EMPATHY

Cheshire West and Chester is an increasingly popular place to live and retire to, which is leading to an aging population and a projected rise in deaths. Therefore, as the community grows older, the need for local, accessible end-of-life services is also rising.

During the previous application, the Planning Inspector agreed that there is a clear and quantifiable need for additional crematoria capacity within Cheshire West and Chester, and beyond, with both existing facilities at Blacon and Landican operating above capacity.

The proposed Hooton Crematorium will help ease capacity pressure at both existing crematoria, allowing them to offer families greater flexibility and choice, including the opportunity for longer and more personal services.



Planning Inspector:

“I conclude that alongside the social benefits that would follow, there is a demonstrated need for a new crematorium in the area.”

Your views matter, so we are inviting you to comment on our updated plans before we submit a new planning application later this year. Please make sure your comments reach us by Thursday 4 December.

There are a number of ways for you to have your say:

Complete the questionnaire enclosed within this newsletter and send it to Freepost HAVE YOUR SAY (no further address or stamp needed) or fill it in on our website.

Email: hooton@horizoncremation.co.uk

Freephone: **0800 689 1095**
(Mon – Fri, 9.00am – 5.30pm)

Visit our website hootoncrematorium.co.uk where you can find out more and register for updates.



ABOUT HORIZON

Horizon is a multi-award-winning crematoria operator with five sites located across the UK, including within South Leicestershire, Staffordshire, Ayrshire, East Renfrewshire, and North Yorkshire. Horizon is also the leading operator in relation to Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) standards within UK crematoria care.

Horizon was formed with the simple aim of providing choice, and higher levels of care, for bereaved families at a time of need, from within modern, comfortable, and befitting buildings and gardens. Horizon is also recognised for the work that it does within its local communities in relation to supporting local hospices and charities through fundraising, donations, and bereavement support events.

