

**Appendix D Table of Options for Consideration.**

Option no.	Option method.	Accessibility	Ability to carry out burial process	Safety	Ability to carry out grounds maintenance	Equitable approach	Comments	
							Positive	Negative
1	Enforce the existing cemetery rules and regulations (which allow additional memorials to be placed on a small area in front of memorial stone) for <u>all</u> existing and new graves.	√	√	√	√	√	This is the current status. It is the most equitable option.	Likely to result in incidences of conflict. There is evidence of this from previous attempts.
2	Enforce the existing cemetery rules and regulations for new graves only	P	P	P	P	X		Has limited positive impact and likely to cause conflict due to inequality Owners of new graves will feel aggrieved that additional memorials not allowed for them but can remain for others..
3	Enforce the existing cemetery rules and regulations for new graves and also for those graves which are re-opened for further interments. Additional memorials would be removed at the time of re-opening and grave owners would not be able to replace them.	P	P	P	P	X	Higher percentage of graves where impact is positive and increases over time,	Inequality still exists and so conflict may still arise (likely to be fewer incidences).
4	Enforce the existing cemetery rules and regulations for all graves as per option 1 but provide areas not on graves specifically for these kinds of memorials. These could take a similar form to ashes gardens where plots are purchased specifically for additional memorials.	√	√	√	√	√	An equitable option which also allows grave owners a special place for personal tributes.	Maintaining this area may cause some minor issues. May still result in incidences of conflict from exiting grave owners who still do not see the reason for removing additional memorials.
5	Enforce the existing cemetery rules and regulations for new graves only and provide areas not on graves specifically for these kinds of memorials. These could take a similar form to ashes gardens where plots are purchased specifically for additional memorials.	P	P	P	P	X	Incidences of conflict may be reduced due to the provision of a special place for personal tributes.	Has limited positive impact and may still cause conflict due to inequality.
6	Do not intervene and thus allow any form of kerb, railings, ornaments or planting to be installed despite the rules and regulations, and do not maintain those sites. Continue to issue the latest conditions to new grave owners and hope the majority will comply.	X	X	X	X	√	Equitable in so much as the customer makes the choice regarding memorials. This is probably the method least likely to cause conflict – the customer is in control.	However it renders our rules and regulations void or at best useless if we are not to enforce them.
7	Allow kerbs, railings and memorials to remain on all graves and new to be placed on graves as long as they allow access as per nationally recognised accessibility standards for this landscape type (see Appendix G), specifically relating to path widths (other factors such as surface type ca not be changed).	√	X	P	X	√	A half way approach allowing a greater space for additional memorials and allowing accessibility for visitors,	Impact on service provision is not improved. May still have incidences of conflict as enforcement will still be seen as interference- however this may be mitigated when the reason is explained.
8	Allow existing kerbs, railings and memorials to remain on existing graves as long as they allow access as per nationally recognised accessibility standards for this landscape type (see Appendix G), specifically relating to path widths (other factors such as surface type ca not be changed). Enforce the existing cemetery rules and regulations for new graves and also for those graves which are re-opened for further interments. Additional memorials would be removed at the time of re-opening and grave owners would not be able to replace them.	√	P	P	P	X	Accessibility for all visitors is catered for and other issues are improved.	However there is still likely to be incidences of conflict due to inequality of enforcement method between existing and new customers. Consider the use of designated memorial space as in options 4 and 5 to mitigate this.

√ = positive impact; X = negative impact; P = partial impact (some positive)