



PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON SITE OPTIONS FOR THE NEW STANLEY CEMETERY

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 The purpose of this consultation

The Falkland Islands Government (FIG) is seeking the views of the public in relation to the shortlisted sites for the new Stanley cemetery. This consultation paper sets out the proposed locations for the four sites; details the key considerations specific to each location; and asks for your response and comments in relation to the questions posed. You will find the questions at the end of this consultation paper.

The consultation period will run from Monday 2 August to Sunday 29 August 2021.

This public consultation is one of several site consideration processes being undertaken by FIG. Separate technical, planning and cost evaluations are also being conducted and the results of this consultation, in conjunction with those assessments, will be taken into account by FIG when making the final site selection decision.

This consultation marks Phase 1 of government's phased approach to this project - further stakeholder engagement on the high-level design features of the final preferred site is also planned for a later Phase of the project.

1.2 Background

The Public Works Department (PWD) estimates that the current Stanley cemetery has sufficient capacity for burials until 2031. As the existing site is land-locked it cannot be expanded and FIG needs to source a new site for burials beyond 2031.

As part of their framework support role for FIG, Ramboll UK was asked to identify a possible new site for a cemetery, either within the current limits of Stanley or within a close vicinity to Stanley. An initial high-level options report was produced that listed eight sites and, from these, the four most suitable sites have been shortlisted.

There are a number of outline constraints in establishing the new cemetery as follows:

- A minimum of approximately 10,200 square metres of land are required to ensure there is sufficient capacity for the expected rate of burials in the next 125 years.
- The site should have a minimum of 2m of natural soil (preferably not peat) above any underlying rock area, and earthworks will be required where this does not exist.
- In terms of facilities, it may require a grounds person's lock-up facility for maintenance equipment, and a public toilet.
- There may be a requirement for designated faith group burial areas – but this will be determined through specific engagement work with faith groups during the design phase.

Acknowledging that this is something that affects everyone in the community, the government wants to consult with the public. This will be managed in a phased way, given the need not only to identify the preferred site but also the preferred high-level design options for the final site.

Phase 0 (Completed): High-level options report identifying potential sites for shortlisting.

The initial high-level options report was produced by Ramboll UK and identified eight potential sites. From these, the four most suitable sites were shortlisted: Sapper Hill Site 1, Moody Brook Site, Sapper Hill Site 2 and Stanley Bypass Site.

Phase 1: Public consultation on which of the four sites is preferred by the community.

The four shortlisted sites are presented with accompanying material that depicts each location on a map as well as a list of potential considerations/issues for each site. Depending on the consultation results, if there are one or two clear preferences they will be shortlisted and further planning assessments will be carried out on each. If all sites receive similar support from the public, then they all will have a planning assessment undertaken.

Phase 2: Results of planning assessment(s) and public consultation on high-level design.

These results will be used to help determine the final preferred site and the information will be shared with the public. There will then be further stakeholder engagement on the high-level design features, such as footpaths, vehicular access, car parking, water facilities, toilets, etc. This will help to determine the layout and infrastructure requirements for the new cemetery.

Phase 3: Results of high-level design consultation and design planning.

The results of the design consultation will be shared with the public and will be considered in the development of the final design of the new cemetery.

Phase 4: Construction planning and implementation.

Once design work is complete, the construction planning will begin. This will either be managed by PWD or will be offered as a tender to local contractors. The location, design and details of the planned construction will be shared with the public.

Phase 5: Construction completion.

Once the cemetery construction is complete, Members of the Legislative Assembly will be asked to consider how best to mark the occasion, including the naming of the new site.

1.3 How to respond

This document is available for completion online at www.fig.gov.fk/pwd as an interactive PDF and electronic responses are preferred. However, hard copies will be available at Stanley Post Office and can be requested from the Project Support Assistant at the contact details below.

For more information, or if you have any queries in relation to this consultation, please don't hesitate to contact:

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2. REVIEW OF SHORTLISTED SITES

2.1 Overview

A review of each of the four shortlisted locations is provided here, along with an overview of how the new Stanley cemetery is likely to be situated within each site.

Each site is assessed in terms of 9 key factors, namely:

1. Effect on common land
2. Ecological impacts
3. Landscape and visual impacts
4. Emergency response access
5. Operations
6. Electricity and water supplies
7. Accessibility to site
8. Parking
9. Connectivity to Mains Drainage System

Details of each of these elements in relation to the specific site are provided and any proposed mitigating actions are included where relevant.

The approximate locations of the four shortlisted sites are shown on Figure 1 below. These are:

- Option 1 - Sapper Hill Site 1
- Option 2 - Moody Brook Site
- Option 3 - Sapper Hill Site 2
- Option 4 - Stanley Bypass Site

Figure 1: Identified Locations



2.2 OPTION 1 - SAPPER HILL SITE 1

Overview

Figures 2a and 2b show the indicative location and projected boundary of the cemetery at Sapper Hill Site 1. Figure 2c shows the views offered at the site - Wireless Ridge is to the north, and there is an existing screen bund running along the east of the site between the site and the adjacent housing development.

This land is presently designated for the purposes of housing in the Stanley Town Plan. Draft plans for future housing development have been started and would need to be amended to include cemetery if this site were selected.

The site would require moderate earthworks as the peat depth is fairly shallow.

Parking could be kerbside to the north end of the site.

Table 1: Key factors identified in relation Option 1

Factor	Details
1. Effect on common land	The proposed site is not within the Stanley Common designated area so not affected.
2. Ecological impacts	Site is currently a green field site and could be impacted by development.
3. Landscape and visual impacts	Bunded screen to the east of the site which would form a boundary to the adjacent housing. Bunding to the west side of the site would be required as wind protection.
4. Emergency response access	Fire & Rescue Services would have good access from the road to the north of the site.
5. Operations	A storage area could be located on site to facilitate burials and maintenance of the grounds.
6. Electricity and water supplies	Power and water infrastructure could be accessed from local mains spurs close to the site.
7. Accessibility to site	Good accessibility for this site via the current road network.
8. Parking	Roadside parking to the north of the site could be available for normal visitor use or funeral services.
9. Connectivity to Mains Drainage System	General hard landscape surface drainage would be required, possibly discharged into the local mains network.

Figure 2a: Sapper Hill Site 1 – indicative location on Stanley Town Plan



Figure 2b: Sapper Hill Site 1 – approximate site boundary



Figure 2c: Sapper Hill Site 1 – Views from the site

Sapper Hill Site 1 – Facing North



Sapper Hill Site 1 – Facing East



Sapper Hill Site 1 – Facing West



Sapper Hill Site 1 – Facing South



2.3 OPTION 2 – MOODY BROOK SITE

Overview

Figures 3a and 3b show the indicative location and projected boundary of the cemetery at the Moody Brook Site. Figure 3c shows the views offered at the site - located on Ross Road West, the site offers views of Moody Brook, Mt Tumbledown, Two Sisters and Wireless Ridge. The site is an open area with no shelter or wind breaks.

As this location was adjacent to an old refuse site, it is possible there could be some contaminated land issues. This land is presently designated as potential housing, leisure, retail, community and open space in the Stanley Town Plan.

Moderate earthworks will be required as the peat depth is fairly shallow. The site is generally level with no visual signs of rock and is a good quality grassed area.

The site is a fairly open and exposed area. Parking could be kerbside to the north end of the site. Moody Brook Road is adjacent to site and there are no designated footpaths.

Table 2: Key factors identified in relation Option 2

Factor	Details
1. Effect on common land	The proposed site is not within the Stanley Common designated area so not affected.
2. Ecological impacts	Site is currently a green field and could be impacted by development.
3. Landscape and visual impacts	This site can be seen from Ross Road West. Landscape in this area is open, prominently flat land. Localised landscaped bunding would be required to the west side of the site as wind protection.
4. Emergency response access	Fire & Rescue Services would have good access from the road to the north of the site.
5. Operations	A storage area could be located on site to facilitate burials and maintenance of the grounds.
6. Electricity and water supplies	Power and water would need to be either accessed from local mains spurs close to the site if available, or standalone water storage tanks.
7. Accessibility to site	Good accessibility for this site via the current road network.
8. Parking	Roadside parking to the north of the site could be available for normal visitor use or funeral services.
9. Connectivity to Mains Drainage System	General hard landscape surface drainage would be required, possibly discharged into "V" gullies or soakaways.

Figure 3a: Moody Brook Site – indicative location on Stanley Town Plan

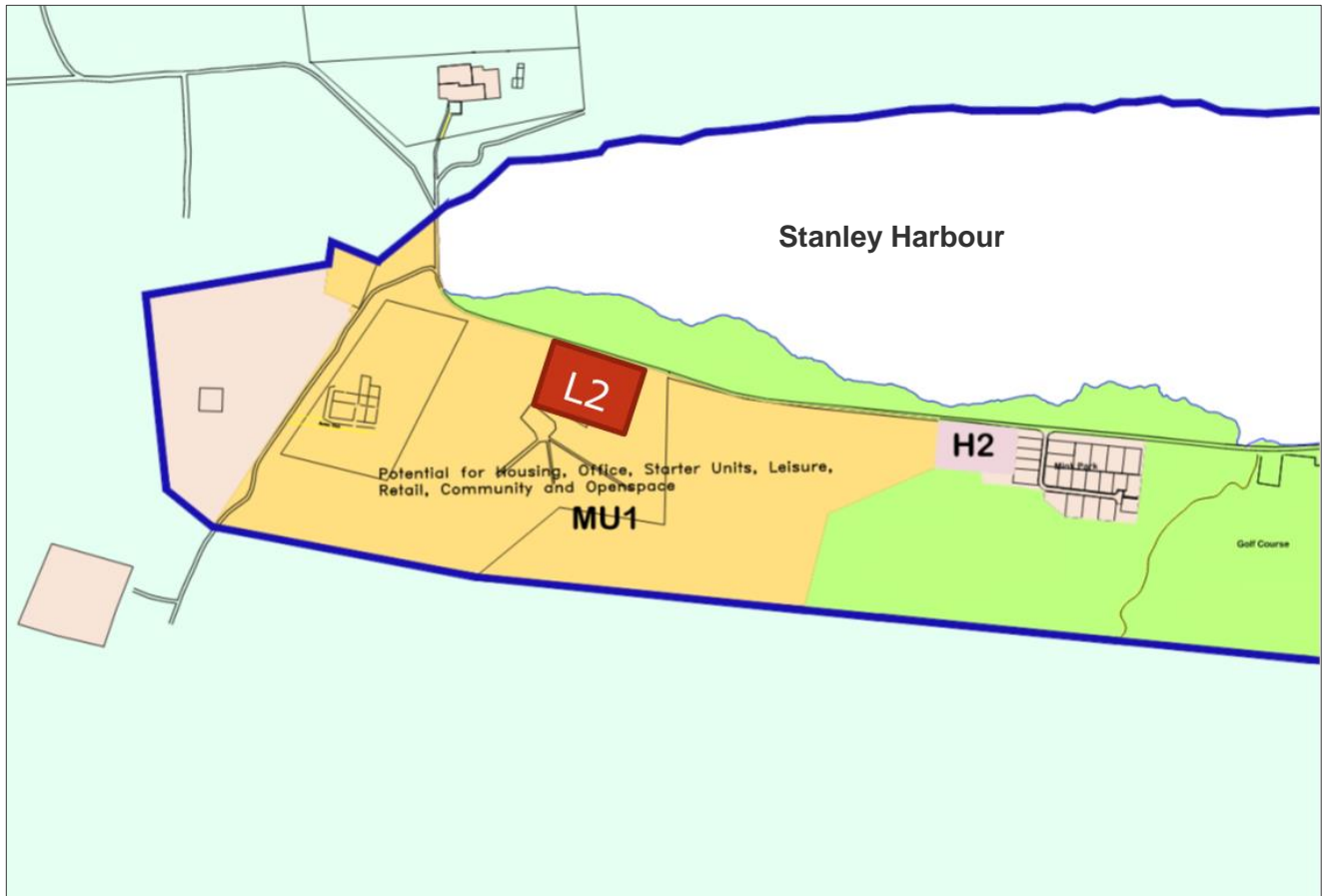


Figure 3b: Moody Brook Site – approximate site boundary



Figure 3c: Moody Brook Site – Views from the site

Moody Brook Site – Facing North



Moody Brook Site – Facing East



Moody Brook Site – Facing West



Moody Brook Site – Facing South



2.4 OPTION 3 – SAPPER HILL SITE 2

Overview

Figures 4a and 4b show the indicative location and projected boundary of the cemetery at Sapper Hill Site 2. Figure 4c shows the views offered at the site – there is a view of Wireless Ridge to the north and the location is very close to the Sapper Hill housing estates and Earth Station.

Being very close to existing housing developments could be an issue.

This land is presently designated for the purposes of housing in the Stanley Town Plan.

Minor earthworks will be required as the peat depth is shallow however existing ground is very hard. The site is fairly open and exposed and is a generally level area of made up ground with no visual signs of rock.

Parking could be kerbside to the south end of the site. Access to site is via the adjacent surfaced road; Diamond Jubilee Road.

Table 3: Key factors identified in relation Option 3

Factor	Details
1. Effect on common land	The proposed site is not within the Stanley Common designated area so not affected.
2. Ecological impacts	Site is currently a brown field site and could be impacted by development.
3. Landscape and visual impacts	This site can be seen from Diamond Jubilee Road and Darwin Road. Landscape in this area is open, sloping to the north of the site and has some minor rocky outcrops. Localised landscaped bunding would be required to the west side of the site as wind protection.
4. Emergency response access	Fire & Rescue Services would have good access from the road to the south of the site.
5. Operations	A storage area could be located on site to facilitate burials and maintenance of the grounds.
6. Electricity and water supplies	Power and water infrastructure could be accessed from local mains spurs close to the site.
7. Accessibility to site	Good accessibility for this site via the current road network.
8. Parking	Roadside parking to the south west of the site could be available for normal visitor use or funeral services. This is a main access road and careful planning would be required with possible laybys etc.
9. Connectivity to Mains Drainage System	General hard landscape surface drainage would be required, possibly discharged into the local mains network.

Figure 4a: Sapper Hill Site 2 – indicative location on Stanley Town Plan

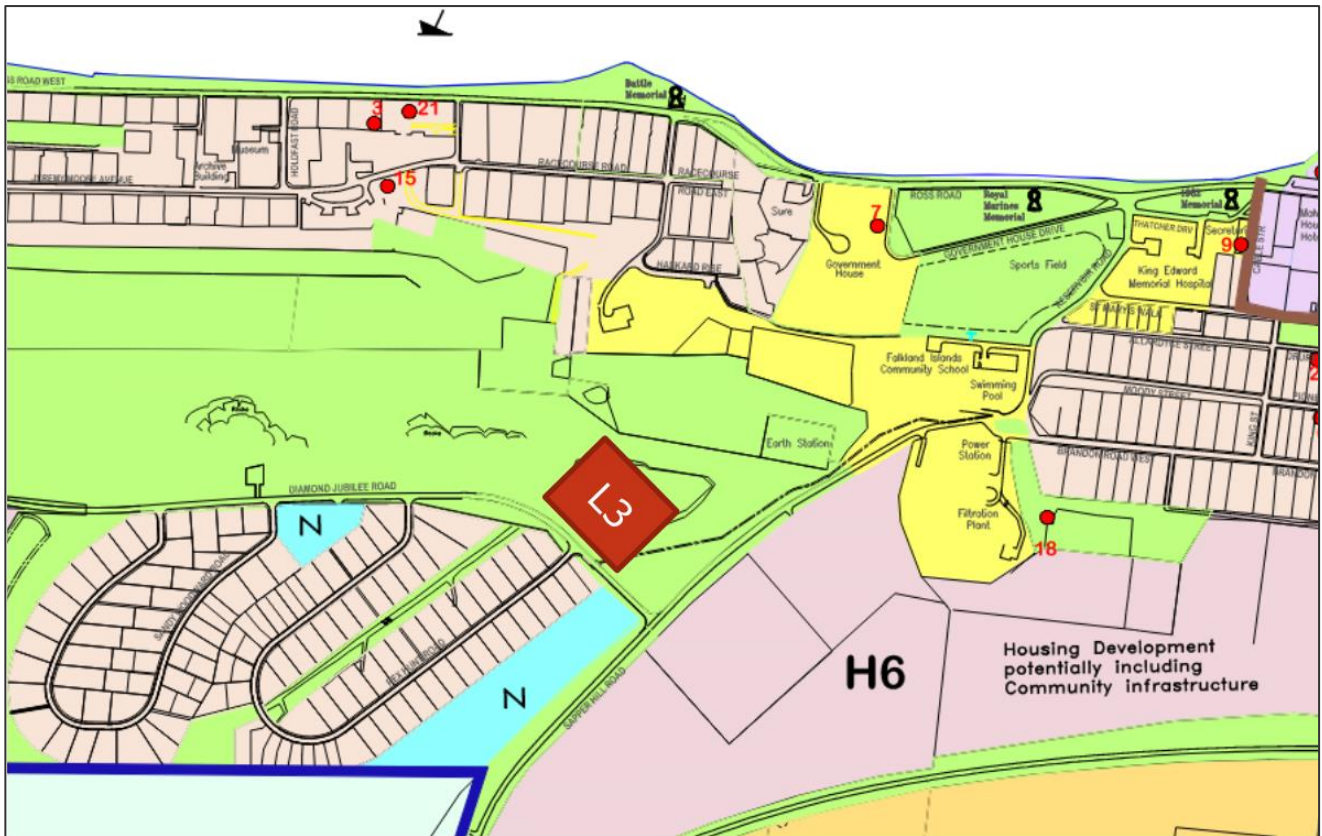


Figure 4b: Sapper Hill Site 2 – approximate site boundary

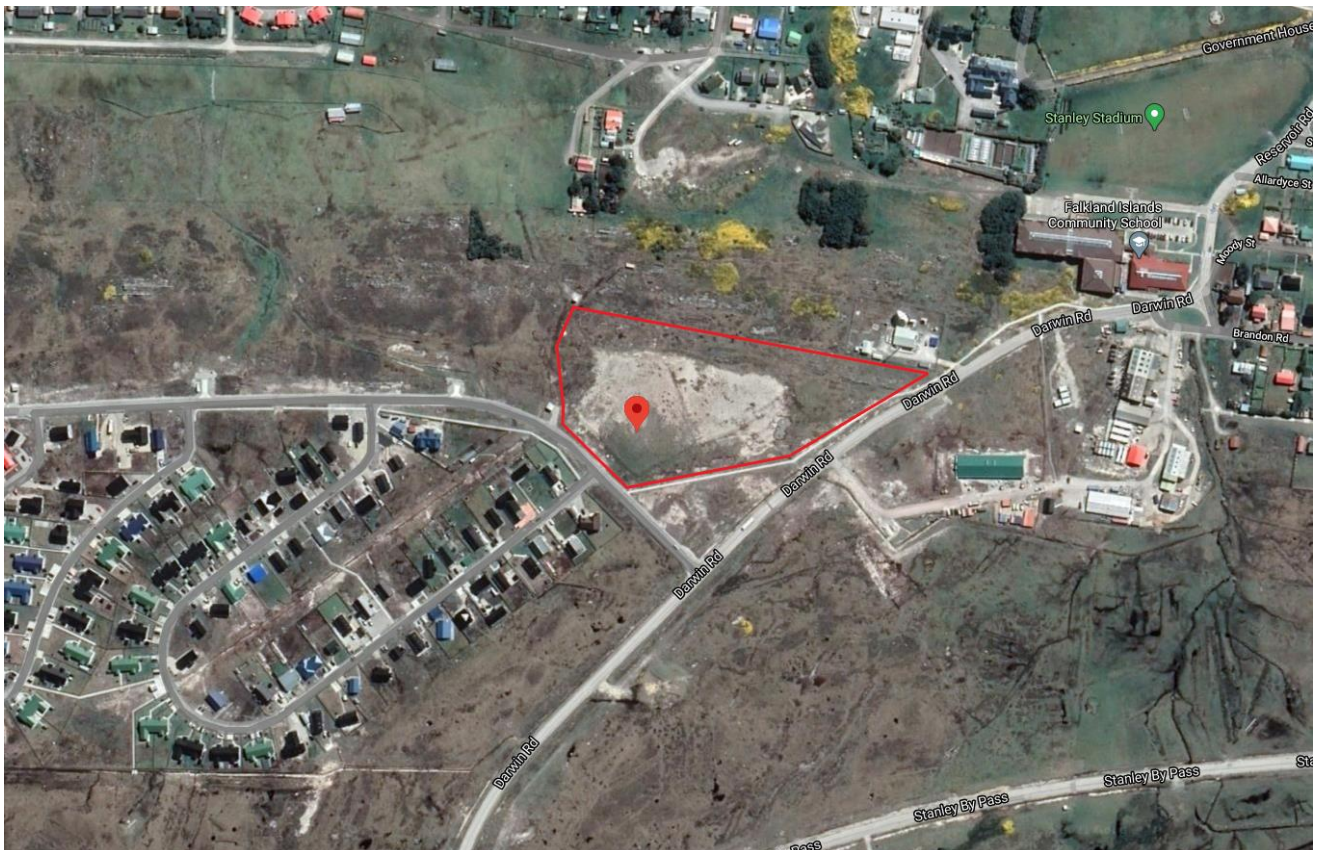


Figure 4c: Sapper Hill Site 2 – Views from the site

Sapper Hill Site 2 – Facing North



Sapper Hill Site 2 – Facing East



Sapper Hill Site 2 – Facing West



Sapper Hill Site 2 – Facing South



2.5 OPTION 4 – STANLEY BYPASS SITE

Figures 5a and 5b show the indicative location and projected boundary of the cemetery at the Stanley Bypass Site. Figure 5c shows the views offered at the site – the Sapper Hill Tanks are to the north-west, and Mullet Creek and Port Harriet to the south-west.

This land is presently designated as a potential housing development area in the Stanley Town Plan.

Moderate earthworks will be required as the peat depth is fairly shallow. The area is fairly open and exposed. The location is generally level with no surface water evident at time of survey, although two large pond areas are close by to the east. There are large areas of rock close to the surface.

Parking could be kerbside to the north end of the site. As this is on a main road, a separate car parking area may be required.

Table 4: Key factors identified in relation Option 4

Factor	Details
1. Effect on common land	The proposed site is not within the Stanley Common designated area so not affected.
2. Ecological impacts	Site is currently a green field site and could be impacted by development.
3. Landscape and visual impacts	This site can be seen from the Stanley Bypass Road. Landscape in this area is open and sloping slightly upwards to the south. Localised landscaped bunding would be required to the west side of the site as wind protection.
4. Emergency response access	Fire & Rescue Services would have good access from the road to the north of the site.
5. Operations	A storage area could be located on site to facilitate burials and maintenance of the grounds.
6. Electricity and water supplies	Power and water infrastructure could be accessed from local mains spurs close to the site
7. Accessibility to site	Good accessibility for this site via the current road network.
8. Parking	Roadside parking to the north of the site could be available for normal visitor use or funeral services. This is a main road and careful planning would be required with possible laybys etc.
9. Connectivity to Mains Drainage System	General hard landscape surface drainage would be required, possibly discharged into “V” gullies or soakaways.

Figure 5a: Stanley Bypass Site – indicative location on Stanley Town Plan



Figure 5b: Stanley Bypass Site – approximate site boundary

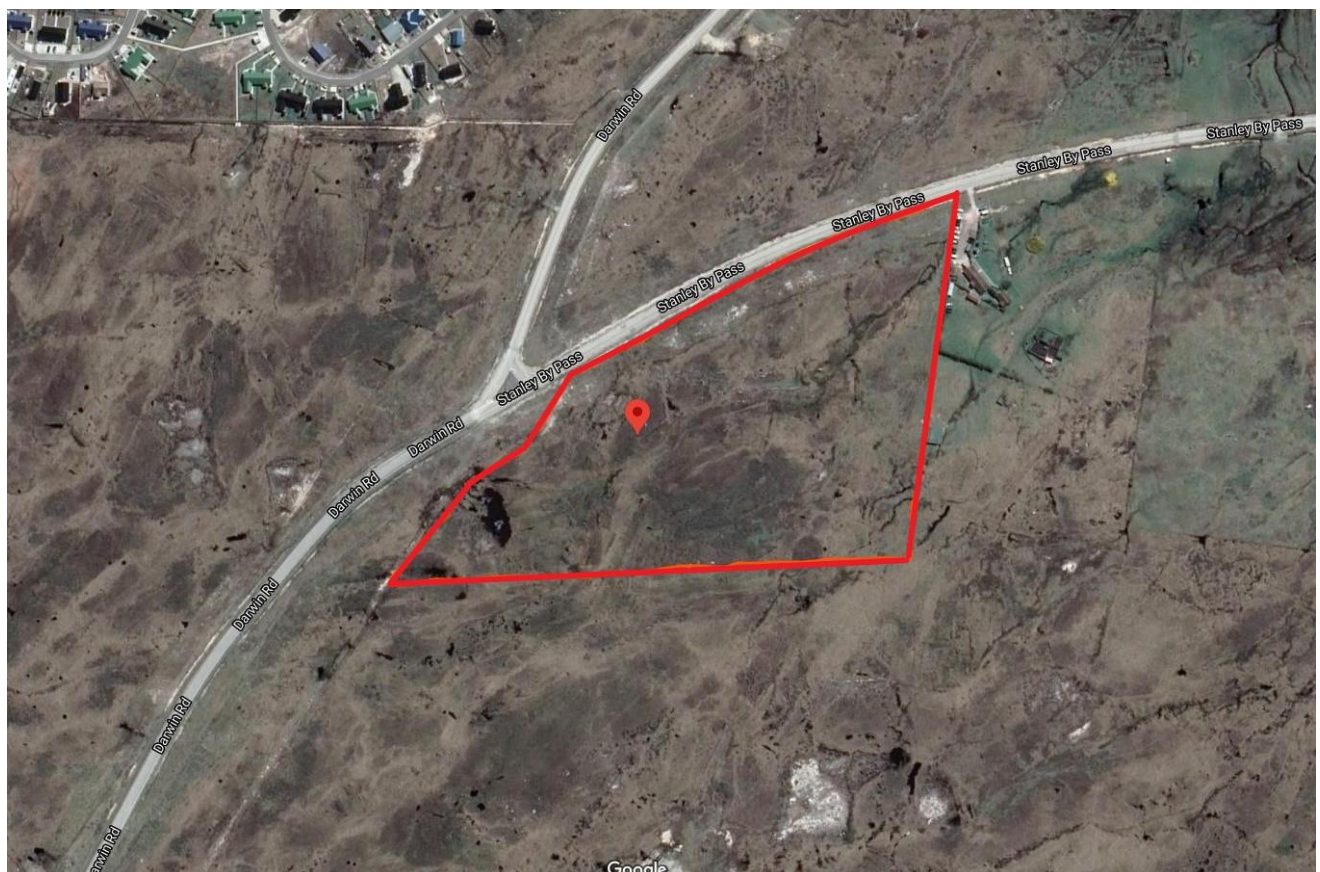


Figure 5c: Stanley Bypass Site – Views from the site

Stanley Bypass Site – Facing North



Stanley Bypass Site – Facing East



Stanley Bypass Site – Facing West



Stanley Bypass Site – Facing South



2.6 SUMMARY TABLE SHOWING FACTOR COMPARISON OF THE FOUR SHORTLISTED SITES

This table compiles the information in Tables 1 to 4. The highlighted cells indicate a potentially negative impact or issue at that site.

Factor	Option 1 Sapper Hill Site 1	Option 2 Moody Book Site	Option 3 Sapper Hill Site 2	Option 4 Stanley Bypass Site
1. Effect on common land	Site is not within the Stanley Common designated area so not affected.	Site is not within the Stanley Common designated area so not affected.	Site is not within the Stanley Common designated area so not affected.	Site is not within the Stanley Common designated area so not affected.
2. Ecological impacts	Green field site which could be impacted by development.	Green field site which could be impacted by development.	Brown field site which could be impacted by development.	Green field site which could be impacted by development.
3. Landscape and visual impacts	Bunded screen to the east of the site which would form a boundary to the adjacent housing. Bunding to the west side of the site would be required as wind protection.	Site visible from Ross Road West. Landscape is open, prominently flat land. Localised landscaped bunding would be required to the west side of the site as wind protection.	Site visible from Diamond Jubilee Road and Darwin Road. Landscape is open and sloping to the north of the site, with some minor rocky outcrops. Localised landscaped bunding would be required to the west side of the site as wind protection.	Site visible from Stanley Bypass Road. Landscape is open and sloping slightly upwards to the south. Localised landscaped bunding would be required to the west side of the site as wind protection.
4. Emergency response access	Fire & Rescue Services would have good access from the road to the north of the site.	Fire & Rescue Services would have good access from the road to the north of the site.	Fire & Rescue Services would have good access from the road to the south of the site.	Fire & Rescue Services would have good access from the road to the north of the site.
5. Operations	Storage area could be located on site to facilitate burials and maintenance of the grounds.	Storage area could be located on site to facilitate burials and maintenance of the grounds.	Storage area could be located on site to facilitate burials and maintenance of the grounds.	Storage area could be located on site to facilitate burials and maintenance of the grounds.
6. Electricity and water supplies	Power and water infrastructure could be accessed from local mains spurs close to the site.	Power and water would need to be either accessed from local mains spurs close to the site if available or standalone water storage tanks.	Power and water infrastructure could be accessed from local mains spurs close to the site.	Power and water infrastructure could be accessed from local mains spurs close to the site

Factor	Option 1 Sapper Hill Site 1	Option 2 Moody Book Site	Option 3 Sapper Hill Site 2	Option 4 Stanley Bypass Site
7. Accessibility to site	Good accessibility for this site via the current road network.	Good accessibility for this site via the current road network.	Good accessibility for this site via the current road network.	Good accessibility for this site via the current road network.
8. Parking	Roadside parking to the north of the site would be available for normal visitor use or funeral services.	Roadside parking to the north of the site would be available for normal visitor use or funeral services.	Roadside parking to the south west of the site would be available for normal visitor use or funeral services. This is a main access road and careful planning will be required with possible laybys etc.	Roadside parking to the north of the site would be available for normal visitor use or funeral services. This is a main road and careful planning will be required with possible laybys etc.
9. Connectivity to Mains Drainage System	General hard landscape surface drainage would be required, possibly discharged into the local mains network.	General hard landscape surface drainage would be required, possibly discharged into "V" gullies or soakaways.	General hard landscape surface drainage would be required, possibly discharged into the local mains network.	General hard landscape surface drainage would be required, possibly discharged into "V" gullies or soakaways.

3. RESPONSE FORM

We welcome your feedback on the proposed sites for the new Stanley cemetery. This response form is designed to be completed having read the information provided in Section 2 of this consultation paper.

We have also included questions on whether you would prefer cremation as an option if it were available in the Islands, and any features you would like to see included in the cemetery.

There is space for you to provide any comments you may have in relation to your responses, but if you have specific queries about this consultation please contact the Project Support Assistant at the details provided at the end of this form.

Consultation Question 1

Please rank the four shortlisted sites in order of preference, where 1 is your most preferred site and 4 is your least preferred site.

Please note you can only enter numbers 1 to 4.

Option 1: Sapper Hill Site 1

Option 2: Moody Brook Site

Option 3: Sapper Hill Site 2

Option 4: Stanley Bypass Site

Consultation Question 2

If the option was available in the Falkland Islands, would you choose a cremation instead of burial?

I don't want to answer this question

No, I would prefer to be buried

Yes, I would prefer to be cremated

I have no strong feelings about either one

Consultation Question 3

What features would you like to see within the new cemetery?

For example: landscaping and planting features, shelter and visitor facilities.

Consultation Question 4

If you would like to provide a comment in relation to any of your responses, please do so here:

If you are happy to be contacted in relation to your responses, please provide your contact details here:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

4. NEXT STEPS

Once the results of this consultation have been collated, they will be used to help determine the final preferred site for the new Stanley cemetery and this will be shared with the public.

Opportunities for stakeholder engagement on the high-level design features of the site will be advertised in print and social media at a later stage.

Thank you for your responses and for contributing to this public participation process. The results of this consultation will be made available to the public as soon as possible.

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