

East Lothian Council submission of 19 December 2022

PE1941/W: Stop the destruction of headstones within community cemeteries

East Lothian Council hold information on a layer holder and purchaser. There are instances where a layer holder could be deceased or moved home and therefore unable to be contacted. The Council attach notices onto the headstone if it is deemed unsafe, and allow families to get in touch over a period of a minimum of 6 weeks.

Any headstone assessed as being in a dangerous condition or immediate risk in a cemetery managed by East Lothian Council is either laid flat on the lair or dug to a deeper depth by putting a minimum of a third of the height of the stone into the ground immediately in front of the base. The Council does not remove any headstone from the vicinity of the grave.

I trust the information provided is helpful to the consideration of the petition PE1941. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me