

**FORM OF AUTHORITY TO OPEN GRAVE WHERE DEED IS TO HAND
BUT ORIGINAL PURCHASER IS DECEASED**

GRAVE No: _____ **DIVISION:** _____

CEMETERY: _____

I, _____, of _____, am the (next of kin)
(personal representative) of _____ (“the Original Purchaser”).

Following the death of the Original Purchaser on _____ I believe that I am
now entitled to the rights in respect of grave number _____, situated in
_____ Cemetery and I hereby authorise the Director of Local
Environmental Services to open the said grave to receive the remains of

I further confirm that I hereby indemnify Gateshead Council against any legal action claim
or demand and/or any expenses that may arise from the opening of the said grave and I
further instruct the Council to change their record of grave ownership into my name.

Signed: _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Witnessed by _____ of _____, the Funeral
Director charged with the funeral of the above-named deceased.

Dated: _____

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