

FORM OF AUTHORITY TO OPEN GRAVE WHERE DEED IS NOT TO HAND

GRAVE NO: _____

DIVISION: _____

CEMETERY: _____

I _____ of _____, am (now) the owner 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 confirm that the Deed of Grant of Exclusive Rights of Burial ("the Deed of Grant") granted to _____ ("the original purchaser") on the _____ day of _____ has been mislaid and cannot now be found. I believe that the Deed of Grant was last produced to the Council on or about _____ and that it was returned to _____ following such production but that _____ no longer holds the Deed of Grant. I have made extensive enquiries of the surviving family members of both the original purchaser of the Deed of Grant and of _____ (insert name of person last known to be in possession of the deeds) as to the possible whereabouts of the same. I am (the * _____ of) the original purchaser and I can confirm that I (it is within my knowledge that he/she) did purchase the burial rights in the said grave and that if the Deed of Grant is ever found I will present it to the Gateshead Cemeteries office for entering.

I 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: _____

(* Please state relationship ie son, daughter, representative)

Witnessed by _____ Print Name: _____

of _____

the Funeral Director charged with the funeral of the above named deceased.

Date: