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Secretary of State for Justice

Lord Gardiner of Kimble  
Senior Deputy Speaker  
House of Lords  
London  
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20 January 2023

Dear Lord Gardiner,

### **BISHOP'S STORTFORD CEMETERY BILL**

I write concerning the Bishop's Stortford Cemetery Bill.

Standing Order No. 98A (Reports concerning human rights) requires that, in the case of a private bill originating in either House, a report from a Minister of the Crown on the statement of opinion required by Standing Order 38(3) shall be presented to the House (by being deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments) not later than the second sitting day after that on which the Bill was read a first time.

I consider that the Bill's promoters have undertaken a full assessment of the compatibility of their proposals with the European Convention on Human Rights (the "Convention") and I see no need to dispute their conclusions.

Kind Regards,

**MIKE FREER MP**