**General Cemetery Bill [HL]**

**Second House Examination in the House of Commons**

**Wednesday 16 July 2025**

**3.30pm**

In attendance: Lynn Gardner, Clerk of Bills, House of Commons; Nicholas Evans, Broadfield Law UK LLP (Parliamentary Agent for the Bill); Simon Armitage, Clerk of Private Bills, House of Commons; Tiago Wist, Committee Operations Officer, House of Commons.

**Lynn Gardner:** Good afternoon. My name is Lynn Gardner, and I am the Clerk of Bills in the House of Commons and one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. I will be conducting the second House examination of the General Cemetery Billtoday. Nicholas Evans of Broadfield Law UK LLP is in attendance as the Parliamentary Agent for the Bill.

The General Cemetery Billhas passed through its stages in the Lords and has had a first reading in the Commons. The purpose of this examination is to ensure that no amendments made in the first House trigger Standing Orders which were not complied with when the Bill was first examined in December 2024.

If I could now invite Mr Evans to take us through the proofs in respect of the Bill.

**Nicholas Evans:** I, Nicholas Evans, am the Agent for this Bill, and prove that by the terms of the consent of the company already proved in the House of Lords, the Bill as introduced, or proposed to be introduced, into that House, was approved of, or consented to, subject to such additions, alterations, and variations as Parliament might think fit to make therein.

I also prove that no Standing Orders are applicable to the amendments made in the Bill in the House of Lords, and state that no amendments were made on the Third Reading of the Bill in the House of Lords.

That is my proof.

**Lynn Gardner:** Thank you, Mr Evans. My finding is that no further standing orders apply to the bill. That concludes today’s examination. Thank you for attending.