



# BASILDON CREMATORIUM

## CONCEPT

This rural site is on the edge of the Cemetery and is set on the top of the hillside above the Thames Estuary. The surroundings are fields, either used for grazing or agriculture with a few farm buildings and barns around the country side. There is one dwelling and an old mansion now used as offices on the north-east of the site.

The proposed scheme reverses the flow of traffic to come direct to this Crematorium with its own car park and then on into the Cemetery. The buildings are set discreetly along the ridge of the hillside as far away as possible from the house and the offices and with the two Chapels on each side connecting into the Crematory. The administrative offices are positioned in front of the Crematory partially to screen it but also to give direct access into it. The Main Chapel is designed for services every half on hour and the Small Chapel is for one per hour.

The service roads and landscaping with graded mounds and evergreen shrubs are carefully positioned to screen the parked hearses and to conduct sensitively the movement of the bereaved groups separately around the Crematorium as they arrive, while they are in the service and afterwards in the Wreath Court without intrusion on each other.

The buildings are designed to emphasise the horizontal appearance of the pitched roofs spreading out as they do across the top of the hillside in a manner which is similar to some of the adjacent farm buildings. The existing trees on the south boundary help to screen the buildings.

The Gardens of Rest fan out from the Crematorium and the Small Memorial Chapel and will be landscaped and screened by tree planting around the periphery.

**BASILDON DISTRICT COUNCIL** joined in partnership with **CREMATORIA MANAGEMENT LTD** who are experts in the construction and management of Crematoria and commissioned **AMA** to design their new two phased Crematorium at Pitsea Cemetery, Bowers Gifford, Basildon. This facility will support a catchment area for over 200,000 people in the Basildon area and will ultimately require two Chapels, a Crematory and full supporting accommodation as well as extensive landscaped memorial gardens.

