



## American Battle Monuments Commission

Cambridge American Cemetery

**25 April 2021**

**To: Mr. Phil Swann, Independent Auditor.**

**Subject: American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) interests.**

Good afternoon Mr. Swann.

Please find enclosed below, notes for consideration from American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC), which is the US Government Agency that administers Cambridge American Cemetery.

**Regarding Assumption E.2 (Connections to CAM and EWR).** The American Cemetery is interested in protecting the viewshed of the cultural landscape that currently exists on and around Madingley Hill in order to preserve the natural aesthetic beauty of the East Anglian fenland that can be seen from the Field of Honor. Our primary mission in operating this American WWII Memorial in England is to preserve our collective history by commemorating the young men and women who served the Allied cause, achieved victory over the fascist ideology, but sadly made the ultimate sacrifice to win our freedom. The landscape, as seen from the Field of Honor, is a powerful symbol of what these young Americans were fighting for.

More generally, the American Cemetery is interested in preserving the integrity of the Green Belt, particularly on and around Madingley Hill, due to the tendency that future development projects will likely follow the footprint of projects we start today. For example, an off-road construction solution adopted today (which we will intend to serve a short-term purpose) may, in 10 years (for example), result in new urbanization projects along the road simply by the fact that the road exists. The American Cemetery sees urbanization on and around Madingley Hill as damaging to the cultural landscape that makes this memorial so special.

**Regarding Assumption F.2 (C2C Options Selection).** We are disappointed to learn that the Option to further develop the Girton Interchange is not feasible due to the timeline. However, ABMC agrees with the constraints that are listed in the table. Madingley Road (A1303) is a source of sensitive interest for the American Cemetery, as your statement of assumptions and constraints correctly points out.

In closing, I would like to invite you to visit the American Cemetery at your convenience. I would be happy to give you a tour of the grounds and expand on the brief overview of interests that I have outlined in this letter.

Sincerely,

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