

Coton Parish Council is concerned that the heritage aspects of the setting of the American Cemetery are being ignored by the GCP and quote the words of the superintendent of the American Cemetery spoken at the Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board.

"The Madingley Hill landscape is a place of beauty that has been valued by many generations and is worthy of preservation. Its stunning viewshed extends north towards Ely Cathedral, east towards King's College Chapel, south over Red Meadow Hill, and beyond; with the picturesque villages of Coton and Madingley nestled either side.

"In 1945, Major-General Lee of the US Army requested Madingley Hill to become the site of a permanent commemorative cemetery and memorial to honour fallen US service personnel of the Second World War specifically because of its natural beauty and unparalleled viewshed. The US Government asked for this specific terrain – no other terrain would do – because the viewshed was the key "selling point" then, as it is now.

"Today, the Cambridge American Military Cemetery is a world-renowned monument and a Grade 1 listed landscape by Historic England. Extending south, the unspoilt open countryside, located in the Green Belt, is extensively protected by National Trust covenants.

"We are concerned that GCP's proposal to build a tarmac bus road across the south side of the hill would irreparably damage this unique and precious landscape, compromising the setting of the American Military Cemetery, severing historic community access routes, and paving the way for further urban encroachment in its vicinity."

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