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Response to 25/03093/FU: Creation of a memorial at Ditchburn Place Mill Road Cambridge

Cambridge Past, Present & Future is Cambridge's largest civic society. We are a charity run by local people who are passionate about where they live. We operate in the greater Cambridge area and working with our members, supporters and volunteers we:

- Are dedicated to protecting and enhancing the green setting of Cambridge for people and nature.
- Care about Cambridge and are an independent voice for quality of life in the strategic planning of Greater Cambridge.
- Are working to protect, celebrate and improve the important built heritage of the Cambridge area.
- Own and care for green spaces and historic buildings in and around the city for people and nature, including Wandlebury Country Park, Coton Countryside Reserve, Cambridge Leper Chapel & Barnwell Meadows, Bourn Windmill and Hinxton Watermill.

Cambridge Past Present and Future (CPPF) supports the creation of this memorial fountain and appreciates the effort to honour the United Indian Army during the World Wars. We believe this project has the potential to be a wonderful addition to the area, but we want to ensure its design is in harmony with its historic surroundings.

The proposed location is within the Mill Road Conservation Area, and it is next to Ditchburn Place, a Building of Local Interest. The Conservation Area Appraisal identifies Ditchburn Place as one of the key characteristics of the area, so it's important that the new fountain complements it.

To help us better understand the design and its relationship to the surrounding area, it would be helpful to have a drawing that illustrates the fountain's placement in the street scene, specifically showing how the memorial sits with Ditchburn Place in the background. The curved wall rises to a height of 2.8m, and we want to ensure it doesn't negatively impact the view of this historic building.

Finally, we also want to ensure the long-term success of this project. Therefore, we would appreciate it if the plan included details on how the fountain will be maintained to ensure it remains a clean, functional, and cherished part of the community for years to come.

I trust that you will take our comments into consideration.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Nicholas

Principal Planning Officer