

Isleham Parish Council 20030170
Comments on Written Representations
Deadline 8

Sunnica's proposals for the plane crash site in Isleham seem to be set without any involvement from the Parish Council or from local people. The Council would have expected to have direct involvement in these proposals for such a historic event for our village. In our written submission for Deadline 6 we welcomed the proposal for our involvement around the plane crash site, but none has been made. This involvement appears to be no longer included in their proposals.

Yet again the opportunity for proper consultation has been missed by Sunnica.

This site has been commemorated and protected in the village for decades. It is surely not for Sunnica to determine how this site should be commemorated in the future. It must have regard to and, more importantly, the support of residents of Isleham, for whom this site has significant sentimental value and for some of whom the memories of the crash are very much alive.

The Council has repeatedly stated throughout this process, the B50 crash is an important part of village history. We remain concerned that, as several heritage experts have indicated, the likelihood of all bodies being recovered given the nature of the crash and explosions is highly unlikely. This tallies with local people's comments that small aircraft pieces and body parts can still be found.

Aside from the the crew and their families and friends, many families from the village were deeply affected by this crash and residents feel a strong sentimental attachment to this site as a result. This has not been adequately acknowledged by Sunnica. The site should be left as it is out of gratitude for the sacrifices of the brave crew.

Isleham Parish Council stands by its position that E05 should not be developed with panels and should not be blocked off from the village through mitigation planting.

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