Tulley Bunting

Greater Cambridge Local Plan – The First Proposals

Comments on Section/Policy

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Great places - general comments

IWM is supportive of the GCLP aims for Great Places and can make a significant contribution to achieving those aims.

IWM Duxford is the finest and best-preserved Second World War fighter base, with an exceptionally complete group of First World War technical buildings. It has important associations with the Battle of Britain and the USAAF presence in East Anglia during the Second World War. The IWM Duxford Masterplan sets out how IWM will prioritise the sense of place belonging to these unique heritage assets and reveal that history to IWM visitors. A large part of improving the setting of this great site is to relocate necessary commercial and operational activity to the East and West ends of the site, away from the best preserved and most significant central site.

Caius is equally supportive of creating great well designed high quality places. The proposals to expand Duxford village would include 800 new homes to meet people's needs, new community facilities, a green link from Whittlesford Parkway, creation of a 40 ha country park to increase BNG, embracing of low carbon development and lifestyles, and support for a work life balance by enabling the proposed Avtech employment to be conveniently located to the new homes and community facilities.