

The on-site meeting, Englefield Green Cemetery, Monday 3rd April 23.

Re: The i-Transport, Placemaking Report.

By John Scott MBE

Further to my emails regarding the Consecrated Land known as Section One of Englefield Green Cemetery and the implications for the i -Transport, Placemaking Report. (Page 24 - As Is Drawing and Page 22 – What is proposed).

The Rev Judith Allford arranged a meeting with **Mr Alan Sloan** of the Englefield Green Village Forum (in an informal capacity), and me, (**John Scott**) as Chairman of the Englefield Green Memorial trust, and herself.

The meeting took place on Monday 3rd April 2023, around the Cross of Sacrifice and the Village Memorial, on Section One Englefield Green Cemetery.

Prior to the meeting I (John Scott) placed two sets of string over the ground covered in the i -Transport, Placemaking Report to illustrate my points of concern and unfortunately the impracticality of the reports drawings:

1. **Photograph One, taken by Alan Sloan, shows:** the string across the front edge of the historical graves in Section One. Unlike the i -Transport Drawing this line does not pass behind the Memorial but cuts into the Memorial by about 1 metre.

If a wall were to be erected it would need to be 1 metre away from the front of the Historical Graves, this would now put the relocated wall two metres into the Memorial. **We all concluded this was impractical.**
2. **Photograph two, Taken by Alan Sloan, shows:** One peg still close to the Cross as above, the other end placed behind the Memorial as per the i -Transport drawing line of relocated wall. (Taken from the Memorial looking back to the Cross) This time the line passes through the complete line of Historical Graves, including that of a recent vicar of St Jude's, Rev Lorna Smith!
We all concluded this was unacceptable.

During the meeting I stressed my support for the Englefield Green Village Plan, but I could not support any construction on the CONSECRATED LAND that forms Section One of Englefield Green Cemetery.

It was then unanimously (Alan S, Judith A , and John S) agreed that:

Whilst understanding what i-Transport were trying to achieve in their Placemaking Report, we all believed they did not fully appreciate that the area between the war memorials and up to and including the cemetery wall is all consecrated ground set aside for burial only and therefore 'off limits'.

Therefore, it would be appreciated if the recommendations of that particular element of the report (Section One) of the Cemetery could be acknowledged to be withdrawn as it detracts from the positive thrust of the report.

Photograph N° 1 – Taken by **Alan Sloan** of the Englefield Green Village Forum

Line 1 – taken from the Cross in front of the Historical Graves , when followed cuts into the Village Memorial approx 1 metre. If a wall was to be erected it would need to be at least 1 metre away from the front of the Historical Graves, this would now put the relocated wall two metres into the Memorial, and direct next to the Cross of Sacrifice.

N° 2 – Line to the back of the Memorial shown on the. i-Transport, Placemaking Report. cuts through the Historical Graves. (Both lines converge to a point at the start of the of the proposed relocated wall).



Photograph N° 2 Taken by **Alan Sloan** of the Englefield Green Village Forum

- Taken from the back of the Memorial, looking towards the Cross.

- (1) The line from the side of the Cross in front of the Graves, when extended ends 1 metre into the Memorial. Given the requirement for foundations, this line would need to be 1 metre in front of the graves which will put the proposed new wall in the centre of the Memorial.
- (2) Line from the side of the Cross to the back of the Memorial like the i-Transport, Placemaking Report drawing, does not run across the front of the graves as shown on the drawing but cuts through every grave as shown on this photograph.

