

should be protected and retained (indeed, where possible, enhanced!) whenever possible.

- Closure of the path would have a big negative impact on our lives. We are concerned that your return date being so soon will exclude many potential interested persons who might be away over the Christmas/New Year period. It is also a pity that you give no indication as to who, which areas/residents have been sent this information. We are very grateful to you for pursuing this issue and hope to attend any future meeting.
- Closure of the path would considerably lengthen my daily walk to work (in the University Library) and require using the longer, busier route along Chesterton Road.
- I suspect that its having been a public footpath for at least 15 years, it would be illegal to close it. It has become an established public right of way by now.
- I think we should be thankful we've had a path for a while but not expect it to continue. The NHS staff at the meeting did seem to look favourably at the idea of giving the access over but of course it goes onto other land that permission is also required to cross (unless using to access Cambridgeshire County Council).
- It is a safe route to Castle Hill and beyond, i.e. Madingley Rd, Grange Rd etc. In the summer especially, my children use this route to Castle Mound where they play and meet friends and to walk/cycle to Athletics and Tennis Clubs off Wilberforce Road. Closure of the path would force them to cycle on busy roads (Victoria Road etc) and negotiate the difficult and dangerous junction between Victoria Road, Histon Rd and Huntingdon Road. Please can we have the light back too?
- We have lived in Hertford Street for almost 30 years and this right of way has been a major amenity for us - more so as we get older.
- There is no reason to close the path - just to please some Tory/Lib Dem Apparatchiks who believe everyone should travel everywhere by car?
- My alternate route would be to cycle on a very dangerous section of Victoria Road with no cycle lane and a narrow pavement. This would be more than an inconvenience - it would endanger cyclists.
- Closure of the path would force me to go via Victoria Road - 5 ways - Castle Hill. Much longer, much more dangerous! I would probably stop going to the Isaac Newton or the Castle [pubs].
- Don't close it, please!

- I would be very upset if the walkway were to close. It is used by many local residents and I would have thought that use over many years would have earned us some access rights? Or easement?
- I feel strongly that this footpath and cycleway should remain. It is after all a very small concession to give people access away from the highway and traffic - saving much time from long circular routes via Victoria Rd or Castle Hill, Chesterton Lane. It is tremendously useful to many residents. I never go through it without seeing a good number of other users (at all times of day and evening).
- It takes 30 seconds to use this path. Typically I will see 1-3 other people using the path whenever I use it. Assuming that there is nothing special about the times I use the path this suggests that more than 1500 and possibly as many as 4500 journeys are made in any 12 hour period. This is an important route and should be a right of way. To gain statistically significant data we should observe a typical day's use either in person or using CCTV footage. I'd be happy to help.
- I would hope that the path can be kept open, and that any new development can be designed to accommodate a pedestrian route or passage, especially since so many people in this neighbourhood do use this footpath - a safe, direct way into town.
- It is not just people in the immediate vicinity that use the path. Cyclists from other areas too will be forced to take the more dangerous Victoria/Huntingdon Road/Castle Hill route.
- If closed, the access for me would be from Victoria Road (through to the car park). This would not be as safe as the existing access.
- I am very concerned about the proposed closure of the passageway leading from Magrath Avenue to Shire Hall as I shop etc. in the city centre about 3 times a week so find this shortcut to Castle Hill very convenient - especially as I am nearing 80 and not as good at walking long distances as I used to be.
- I live on Searle Street and frequently use the path that connects Magrath Avenue and Shire hall in order to get to and from the pubs and restaurants on Castle Hill. I sometimes go on my own and the lack of lighting on the footpath makes it quite scary at night because there are plenty of places for people to hide waiting to mug or attack passers by. However using the path cuts the journey time in half. I also know that several of my friends who live locally also use the path – indeed we used it together on Sunday night and I was grateful for their company. I'd like to see the path remain open and also for there to be some lighting there at night.

1 Memories of The Mound and Shire Hall, 23.5.19

Marie Thompson

156 Gilbert Road, Cambridge, CB4 3PB

I have lived in this house since 1960

I am a member of the congregation at St Luke's Church, Victoria Road, part of Church at Castle

Members of the congregations of Church at Castle, have celebrated the Resurrection on Easter Sunday at 8-00am on the Castle Mound for very many years. Certainly since the year 2000 and for years before that.

This is a Joyous and important part of the Easter Day celebration for all the churches.

After the service people move on to breakfast at the Castle St Methodist church before celebrating the Easter Eucharist at their various Churches later on Easter Morning.

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20 Carlton Way

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2 June

Dear Sir or Madam

We are very sorry to hear that access to the Cambridge Castle mound is under threat.

We have lived at Carlton Way for 23 years, and have enjoyed taking visitors and strolling to the mound for many years. It is a place that children love very much, as it is fun to climb and there is a great view. It is great to see visitors enjoying the open access to the mound in Cambridge when there are so many spaces that have controlled access, or no access at all.

Yours faithfully

Rosalind and Jonathan Higham

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We have used the castle mound in many different ways since we moved from London to Cambridge in 1996; from watching the sunset, showing guests the great views of the city and enjoying the mound as a place for reflection. My daughter was born here and as a member of the Girl Guides frequently visited the 'mound' with her guiding friends. She remembers these occasions very fondly as a place to look over Cambridge, to view the landscape and enjoy the feelings of being part of Cambridge's heritage. I have attached a photograph taken in 2007 on a Girl Guiding walk.

Yvonne Barr
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Castle Mound is important to me because it is a fine example of an Iron Age fort in our rich history.

I remember taking children up there for school trips to help extend their understanding of our local history in project based learning and other classes from the same school have visited this site in their study of Castles.

The mound has great memories for me because it was a site I took my foundation stage class to on our walk through Cambridge and they were amazed at how 'high' we were and the beautiful view over the City. They also loved to play and roll on it.

I think it should be protected from development as a site of local historic and personal importance.

Elaine Hope

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Cambridge

From: [Claire Peirce](#)
Sent: 26/05/2019 10:51
To: [Elizabeth Claire Richards](#)
Subject: Re: Town Green Application

Hi Claire - As a child in the 1950s and early 60s we would often visit the mound and spend time looking out over Cambridge and the surrounding area, trying to spot familiar landmarks. It gave us a clear idea of compass directions. With our own children later on in the 1980s there was sometimes a man who set up a telescope for visitors to look through. We have visited on various family occasions and in particular when beacons have been lit throughout the country - Castle Mound had its own. I do not have photos - often the visits happened as incidental occasions on route to somewhere else. As a child, our family did not own a camera and I have very few pictures from childhood. I always think of the mound offering a brief respite of peace and a wonderful sense of looking down, from outside, on a busy town going about it's everyday activity. Sorry I have no documentation - I suppose that I've always taken access to the mound as granted - much like access to walking across Midsummer Common, along the river and around the backs of the colleges.

Claire Peirce.
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Sent from my iPad

[See More from Claire A. Peirce](#)



Hi Claire and Jas,

I've been forwarded this information from my mother-in-law Claire Peirce. I grew up in Cambridge (live in Sheffield now but both sets of parents and my brother still live there).

Happy to help in any way possible. Below are a quick list of times which stick in the memory I have used castle mound and purpose.

2000 - New Years Eve - Celebration walk round Cambridge with friends, including trip up Castle Mound.

2013 - Pre Wedding trip to view Cambridge before the ceremony of brother.

2014 - Pre Wedding trip of school friend to view Cambridge before the ceremony

In general I would say that the ability to at any time pop up to see the sights of Cambridge with friends, visitors and family has always been a part of growing up in Cambridge - and a trip up Castle Mound in a very flat city has been great to enjoy the view, share time with people and also connects to the historical past of the site.

James Little.

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30 June 2019

Dear Claire,

Town Green Application

I have been taking visitors up Castle Mound, and showing them the remains of the Castle Walls, ever since we came to live in Cambridge in 1968. As well, we often go there for a stroll, generally in the evening, to get a view of Cambridge and its surrounding countryside. We often share the top of the Mound with tourists visiting Cambridge.

With regard to the footpath through the Shire Hall site from Magrath Avenue to Huntingdon Road (Castle Hill) I have known of that route since at least the early 1980s when I knew and visited someone who lived at the far (southern) end of Magrath Avenue.

On Boxing Day this year I took a group of friends along that route as part of a guided tour to see how many churches we could find in a short tour of the city and its centre.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Evans

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, ANDREW SHARPE of 16 BEDFORD CLOSE, ELY

do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

EVER SINCE I MOVED TO CAMBRIDGESHIRE IN
SEPTEMBER 1979, I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GAIN FREE
ACCESS TO THE CASTLE MOUND, AND GRASSED AREA
BETWEEN IT AND SHIRE HALL. I ENCLOSE A
NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN OVER THE YEARS
FROM THAT AREA AS EVIDENCE

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of
the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

Declared by ANDREW SHARPE at 16 BEDFORD CLOSE, ELY

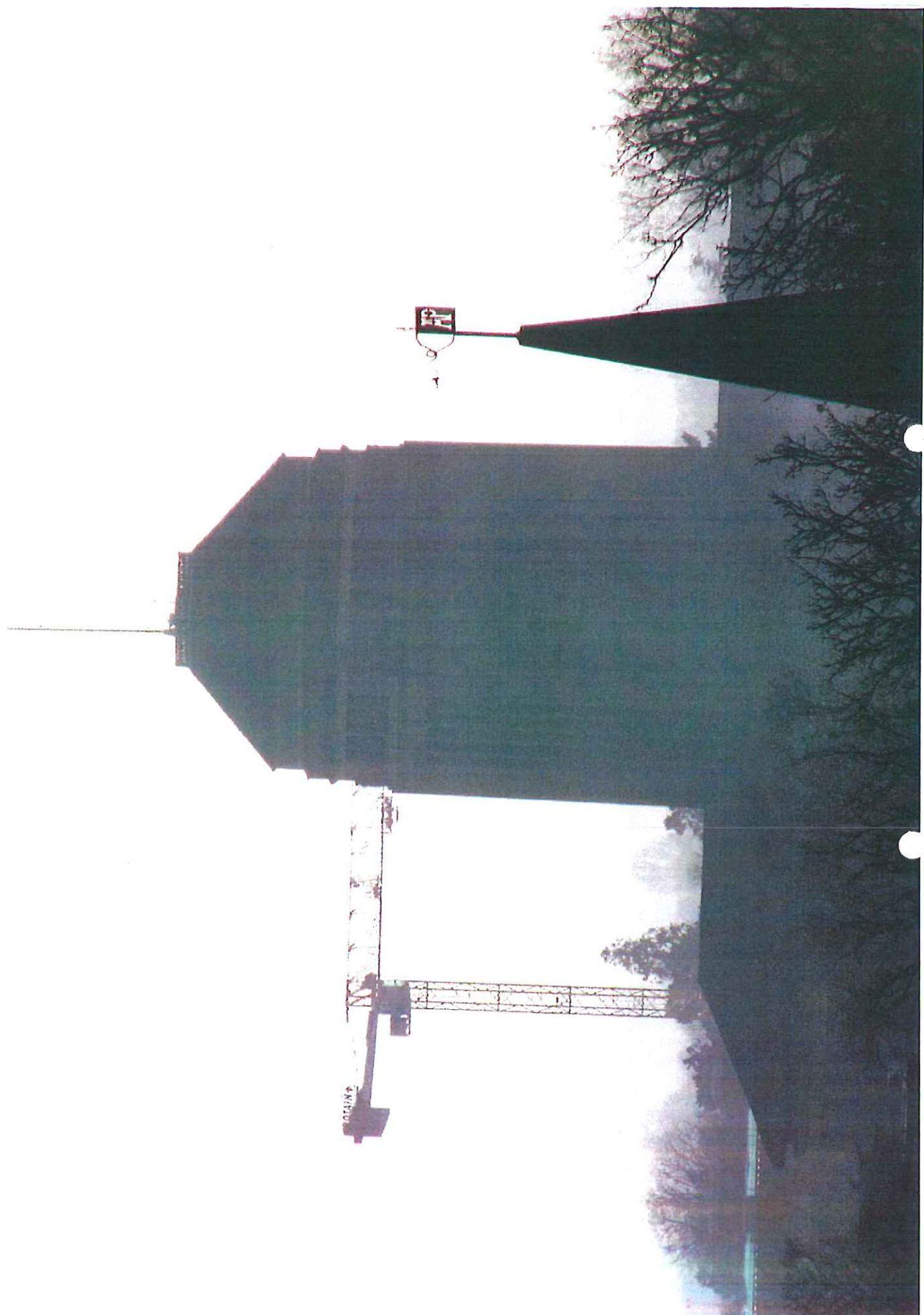
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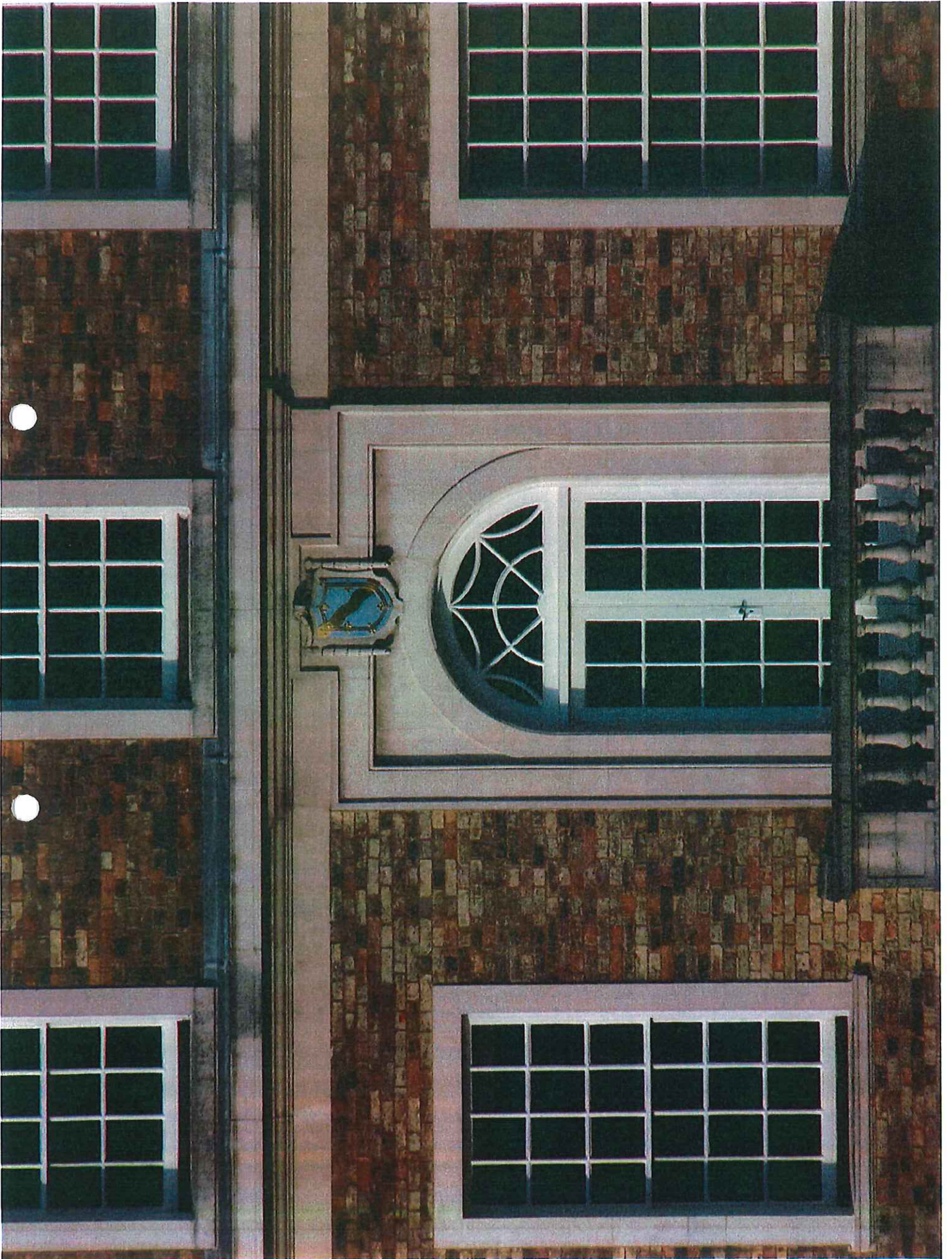
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Appendix 3 – Photographs referred to in Andrew Sharp Statement

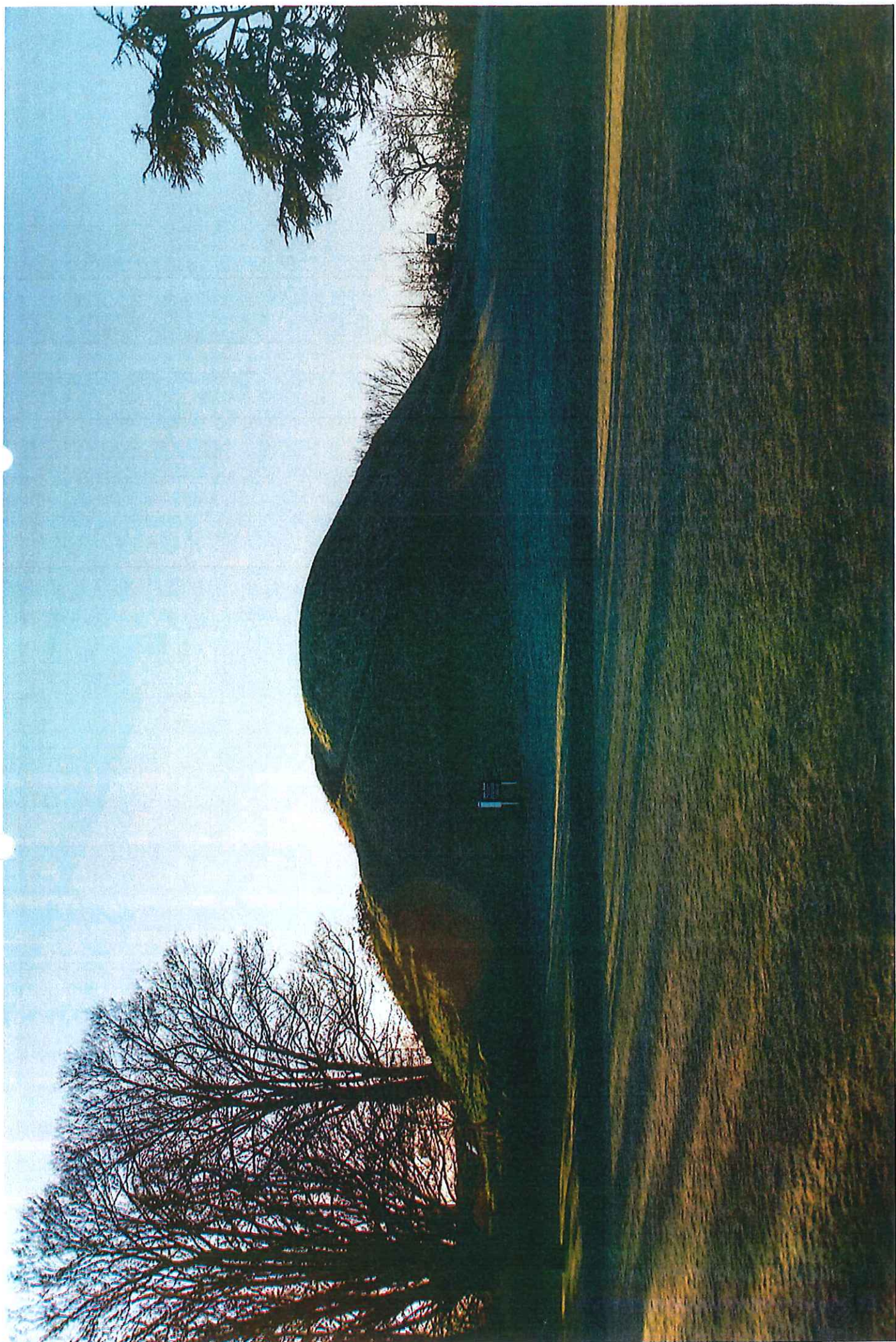
























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