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Dear John

I just wanted to give you an update about St Marys Lands, following my meeting with Chris Elliott and Simon Richardson earlier this week. Having found out more about the site, it is apparent that large areas of it are not suitable for protection with Fields in Trust. We do not protect racecourses nor land with non-recreational buildings on it.

Having said that, the good news is that we have agreed to protect the nature reserve area on the lands under our new programme *Green Spaces for Good*. This provides the same level of protection as the Centenary Fields Programme, i.e. protection of the site from non-recreational development in perpetuity.

I'm not sure, from the document you provided, where exactly the hospital that was used in World War I was located, but I suggest that if it was on the site of the Nature Reserve, and the Friends Group would like to organise an interpretation board explaining the historical links, then we can organise a Centenary Fields plaque in recognition of this. Equally, this would apply if it was on the Northern enclosure as Council Officers have been informed it might have been.

I trust the Friends Group will be happy with this outcome, which will result in a valued green space being protected.

Kind regards  
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