

Online Comment

Application H01-0292-19
Location 22 Backgate Cowbit Spalding PE12 6AP
Proposal Demolition of existing dwelling and workshop, erection of up to five detached dwellings including hard standing and access from Backgate

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For/Against Comments

The proposed development is situated within an area of archaeological interest. Cowbit is a medieval settlement that traces its origins to the Anglo Saxon period, and remains of this date were found during construction of the bypass to the East of this site. This area was also extensively exploited during the prehistoric and Roman period with settlement and salt making activity being identified 200m to the East of this site, as well as to the West of Backgate. Such remains may extend into the area of the proposed development, and could be destroyed during construction.

We would therefore recommend that if permission be granted the developer should be required to commission a Scheme of Archaeological Works (on the lines of 4.8.1 in the Lincolnshire Archaeological Handbook).

This should be secured by South Holland District Council's standard conditions AR01, 02 and 03.

"Local planning authorities should require developers to record and advance understanding of the significance of any heritage assets to be lost (wholly or in part), in a manner proportionate to their importance and the impact, and to make this evidence (and any archive generated) publically accessible." National Planning Policy Framework, section 16, paragraph 199.

Initially I envisage that this would involve monitoring of all groundworks, with the ability to stop and fully record archaeological features.