Online Comment

Application	H01-0769-16
Location	Adjacent: 5 Stone Gate Cowbit Spalding PE12 6AH
Proposal	Residential development

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For/Against	Comments

The site lies close to the church of St Mary which is thought have been built in about 1400. It was originally thought that the settlement dates from a similar age but archaeological evidence suggests now that it may be as early as 1100. This area was heavily populated during the Iron Age and Roman periods and we have lots of aerial photographic evidence that will attest to this.

Although this site is small its position close to the church and central to the medieval settlement as well as being in an area of dense Iron age and Roman cropmarks any development does have the potential to disturb archaeological remains.

Therefore given this it is recommended that the developer should be required to commission a Scheme of Archaeological Works (on the lines of 4.8.1 in the Lincolnshire Archaeological Handbook (2016)). This should be secured by South Holland District Councils Standard Conditions AR01, 02 and 03.

'They [The local planning authority] 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 12, para 141.