

Online Comment

Application H01-0924-18
Location Land South of Moulton Chapel Road Cowbit Spalding
Proposal Development of 32 Affordable Dwellings

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For/Against Comments

This site has been subject to archaeological evaluation in relation to an earlier outline application proposal (H01-0035-17). The evaluation has shown that the area formed part of a wider Roman settlement, evidence of ditches being recut suggest longevity of this settlement and domestic waste supports this theory.

I am aware that the site has a pipeline running through it and that has meant that the area close to the road has not been evaluated, more evidence of this settlement is likely to survive here also, and the surviving archaeology may give further insight into this particular Roman settlement. Because so much of the site has been destroyed this office considers that it is more appropriate to request that the site undergo archaeological monitoring during the groundworks phase of the development rather than anything else more onerous.

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) 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, para 199.

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