Online Comment

Application	H02-0568-24
Location	Land at Blackbird Close Crowland PE6 0BA
Proposal	Erection of 3 dwellings with garages - re-submission of H02-0899-22

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Date Submitted	26-07-24
For/Against	Comments

The proposed development lies in an area of prehistoric and medieval archaeological potential. It is surrounded by known prehistoric, medieval and undated heritage assets.
The proposed development, is located at the interface between the Abbey Sand and Gravel, and the Peat, and it is likely to have been inhabited during prehistory due to its geological landscape. Furthermore, there is a correlation between this geological landscape and the presence of heritage assets throughout the broad area as indicated by the HER. Also, the Lincolnshire HER records multiple monuments and events near the specific proposed site: MLI116477 - Drainage Ditches, Barbers Drove: Trial trenching confirmed medieval or pre-Enclosure drainage ditches. ELI12811 - Trial Trenching at Barbers Drove: west linear features, marine silts, prehistoric peat deposits, and paleochannels with potential for waterlogged remains were exposed. ELI12812 - Environmental Sampling at Barbers Drove: Sampling confirmed a transition from a lower intertidal zone to tidal salt marshes to freshwater peat beds after the late 5th millennium BC, with peat deposits forming until the Iron Age. Charcoal fragments from shallow features dated to the Neolithic. ELI13509 - Land off Crease Drove: A prehistoric posthole was investigated.
There is therefore potential for development on this site to have an impact on buried remains that should be recorded prior to their destruction - NPPF (paragraph 211). The applicant has not provided an assessment of archaeological/heritage potential for the site as required in the NPPF (paragraph 200).
The proposed development comprises erection of 3 dwellings with garages, access and additional car parking spaces. We do not possess evidence that previous limited construction activity entirely disturbed/truncated possible present heritage assets.
Considering the proposed development's scale and design, groundworks and any temporary works associated with the development will have a significant impact on any surviving archaeological remains, resulting in total or partial loss, if present.
I recommend that if permission is granted, there be an archaeological condition for a mitigation strategy to effectively deal with this site. This will comprise a phased approach of archaeological investigation and mitigation work.
This will initially comprise but may not be limited to a full standard trial trench evaluation of the site which should aim to determine the presence, absence, significance, depth and character of any archaeological remains which could be impacted by the proposed development as noted above and to inform a programme of further archaeological mitigation work which may be required if archaeological remains are identified in the evaluation.
This will enable any remaining archaeology which currently survives on this site to be properly assessed and recorded prior to their alteration or destruction.
This should be secured by South Holland District Council's standard conditions AR01, 02 and 03 and is in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework paragraphs 200 and 211 and the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan (Policy 29).
With respect to the attached archaeological conditions, please contact the Historic Places team at Lincolnshire County Council, Lancaster House, 36 Orchard Street, Lincoln, LN1 1YL, 07386 656079, email ruben.lopez@lincolnshire.gov.uk to discuss the requirements and request preparation of a brief for the works.
It is recommended the resulting mitigation strategy and Written Schemes of Investigation are approved by the LCC Historic Environment Officer prior to formal submission to the Local Planning Authority. Ten days' notice is required before commencement of any archaeological works.