Online Comment

Application	H03-0773-19
Location	The Old Mission Counter Drain Drove Tongue End PE11 3JJ
Proposal	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of pair of three bed semi-detached houses with linked garages

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For/Against	Comments

The proposed development involves the demolition of the Church of St Michael that formerly served the isolated community of Tongue End from its construction in 1961. It is believed to have been designed by Spalding architect Norman Webster. Prior to this a wooden building had been used as a temporary measure to reduce the difficulty of parishioners during the 19th and early 20th century when trying reach the parish church at Deeping St Nicholas, which by road was over 9 miles distant.

Whilst the building is of little architectural distinction and is unlikely to warrant preservation, it is of local heritage significance for its historical and communal value. It is recommended that a photographic record be made of it prior to its demolition, to enable the redundant church to be 'preserved by record' (NPPF section 16, paragraph 199).

In this case a pre-commencement condition for full historic building recording could be avoided if a suitable photographic record of the interior and exterior could be provided by the applicant prior to determination.