Online Comment

Application	H03-1063-20
Location	POPLAR FARM MAIN ROAD DEEPING ST NICHOLAS PE11 3DJ
Proposal	Proposed Industrial Building (B2 Use) and Storage Building (B8 Use)

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For/Against	Comments

The proposed development is located with the area of a prehistoric barrow cemetery recorded in the Lincolnshire Historic Environment Record. A cluster of barrows identified from cropmarks and earthworks are situated here on the extreme eastern edge of the gravels of the lower Welland valley where they interface with and dip into the fen basin to the east. During the Neolithic and Bronze Age periods, this promontory would have been the last area of at least seasonally dry land on the edge of the developing succession of marine and freshwater fen. Inland, and to the west of this small barrow, field surveys, assessments and excavations have demonstrated the presence of a well-developed and utilised landscape from Neolithic to Roman times, of which these monuments undoubtedly form an integral part. Several barrows have been excavated within the wider cemetery's extent and human remains (cremations and inhumations) and artefacts recovered.

Development on this site has the potential to disturb further remains from the barrow cemetery and other related prehistoric activity associated with their use and construction. It is therefore recommended that the developer should be required to commission a scheme of archaeological works to ensure that any remains disturbed are recorded prior to their destruction. This should be secured by South Holland District Council's 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 16, paragraph 199.

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