Online Comment

Application	H04-0035-22
Location	18 High Street Donington Spalding PE11 4TA
Proposal	Erection of 9 dwellings comprising 5 detached dwellings and 4 town houses

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The proposed development is within the historic core of the settlement of Donington adjacent to its principal street. It is therefore in an area where buried remains from the early medieval period may be anticipated. Medieval pottery has previously been identified to the rear of properties on the southern side of the High Street, and a cist burial on the north side a little further east on the site of the Grammar School. Historic maps from the 19th century also show that the frontage has been developed since at least that period, with a historic chapel and Sunday school standing on part of the site until demolition in the later 20th century.

It would therefore be beneficial to ensure that groundworks of the proposed development are monitored by an archaeologist to ensure that any heritage assets of archaeological interest disturbed can be recorded prior to their destruction.

Therefore it is recommended that the developer should be required to commission an Archaeological Scheme of 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.

"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 205.

Initially I envisage that this would involve monitoring of all groundworks (including the grubbing out of foundations following demolition to ground level), with the ability to stop and fully record archaeological features.