

Online Comment

Application	H04-0538-22
Location	THOMAS COWLEY HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL LANE DONINGTON PE11 4TF
Proposal	Creation of tarmac area

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For/Against	Comments

The proposal site is a grassed area within the complex of the Thomas Cowley School. It is surrounded on 3 sides by mid-late C20th school buildings, with a C19th classroom block to the east. This grassed area is of no significance to the character of the wider setting of the school complex which itself contains 3 separate Grade II listed buildings. Because this area is of no significance to the character of the site and because the works are only minor, representing a simple resurfacing to macadam, I wish to raise no objections to the principle of this proposal from a conservation perspective.

However, I would echo the comments of my colleague from the Lincolnshire County Council Historic Environment Record and recommend that, in the interest of protecting against harm to any archaeology at site, if approved, this application ought to be accompanied with a condition restricting excavation to the top 230mm topsoil and grass layers.

In addition, I would recommend the addition of advisory conditions reminding the applicant of their obligation to report any potential graves, human remains, or other articles or aspects of potential archaeological interest to the Lincolnshire Historic Environment Record, as well as another reminding the applicant that it would be a breach of the Burial Act of 1853 to disturb human remains without the requisite permissions and that therefore, should any such find be made, work should immediately cease and the relevant authorities should be alerted.