Online Comment

Application	H05-0475-20
Location	Land at Langary Gate Road Gedney Hill Spalding PE12 0RU
Proposal	Erection of an Agriculture Research and Training Facility and Associated Works

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For/Against	Comments

The proposed development is situated within an area of extensive cropmarks indicating the presence here of a Roman landscape of drove roads, field systems and settlement. Cropmarks have been recorded within this field, and in all of those surrounding it. To the northeast one cluster of settlement and salt making activity at Shell Bridge has been designated as a Scheduled Monument in light of its national significance.

However, the cropmarks within the immediate vicinity of this site appear to indicate that it was in an area of lower activity, with cropmarks indicating drove roads and boundaries rather than settlement. This indicates that any remains surviving on this site that would be impacted by development are likely to be of somewhat lower significance.

The appropriate response would therefore be to require the monitoring of all groundworks, with the ability to stop and fully record archaeological features. It is therefore recommended that developer be required to commission a scheme of archaeological works Works (on the lines of 4.8.1 in the Lincolnshire Archaeological Handbook). This should be secured using South Holland District Council's standard conditions AR1, AR2 and AR3.

"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.

A brief can be produced by this department which would lay out the details above, and the specification for the work should be approved by this department prior to the commencement of works. Please ask the developer to contact this office for further details.