

Online Comment

Application H06-0259-19
Location THE FORGE MAIN ROAD GEDNEY DROVE END PE12 9NE
Proposal Residential Development - 2 plots - outline approval H06-0296-17

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For/Against Comments

I have reviewed the Goldfinch Environmental report 'Proposed residential development land at Main and Dawsmere Roads, Gedney Drove End, Spalding, Lincs. Geoenvironmental Desk Study' ref. 0592/1 dated February 2019 and make the following comments:

The desk study concludes that the sites past use as a forge / smithy is unlikely to impact on the future development, and that the presence of a former landfill within 11m of the site boundary does not warrant further consideration. I am unable to agree with these findings.

The site had past use as a smithy/ forge/ works for an unknown period of time. The relevant DoE Industry profile (Engineering Works: mechanical engineering & ordnance works) suggest that processes on site may have required some or all of the following:

Oils & lubricants, paints & solvents, metals, disposal of quenching waters and coal / coke and associated ash and slag.

Whilst in recent times the storage and use of such chemicals is generally good, historically this is rarely the case, and ash and other waste products were often disposed of onsite.

Further consideration is also required regarding the historic landfill 11m from the site boundary. This may take the form of further research into the landfill record.

Further consideration, in the form of site investigation, is therefore required at this location.

This information should be incorporated into an updated and realistic conceptual site model.

I am therefore not in a position to recommend discharge of the condition at this time.