Online Comment

Application	H07-0922-19
Location	Land east of: Hillgate Gedney Hill Spalding PE12 0NN
Proposal	Erection of two single-storey detached dwellings and garages

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The current settlement of Gedney Hill is thought to have perhaps existed since the twelfth century. The earliest medieval monument in the village is the church, which is dated to the fourteenth century; this possibly replaces an earlier chapel. The alignment of the church could suggest that the original boundaries of the churchyard are different to the current boundary. This potentially could mean that there are burials in the plots around and beyond the churchyard such as the site of the proposed development.

Aerial photographs also show a number of cropmarks, possibly Roman in the field immediately to the rear of the church, which is adjacent to the proposed development site. There has also been a large quantity of Roman finds recorded in the village, this could be indicative of Roman settlement in the vicinity.

Therefore given this it is recommended that the developer should be required to commission a Scheme of Archaeological 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 199.

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