

Online Comment

Application H07-1059-20
Location Off Highstock Lane Gedney Hill Spalding PE12 0QG
Proposal Residential Development - 10 dwellings

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For/Against Comments

This office has commented on previous proposals for this site and we would like to reiterate our previous advice.

I have read the heritage assessment and considered all of our records and stand by my our recommendation that no archaeological input should be required, and no condition necessary.

The assessment is written based on the same information I have consulted, and likewise states that the site is some distance from any known cropmarks, and away from the core of medieval and later village (around the church). As the authors have also carried out a walkover survey on the site and found no evidence for pottery ect in the topsoil, this further supports my feeling that there is nothing of interest here.

I suspect that its authors have erred on the side of caution by essentially saying that although there is no evidence for any archaeology on this site, it can't be ruled out without actually excavating and looking.

I am also aware that trial excavations immediately adjacent to this site to the west (for H07-1246-07) found very slight evidence for medieval activity nearby but probably centred on the village core to the north, which was sufficient for us to recommend no further work or condition was necessary there. Therefore, I do not feel we have sufficient justification to require this developer to carry out additional work by condition, which in all likelihood would also not produce any useful information.