

Online Comment

Application H08-0852-25
Location Belnie House Farm Buildings Belnie Lane Gosberton PE11 4HN
Proposal Demolition of Existing Barns & Erection of 2 Dwellings

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For/Against Comments

Thank you for consulting us on this application.

The proposed development will comprise: Demolition of Existing Barns & Erection of 2 Dwellings.

It is noted that the applicant has not provided an assessment of the archaeological or heritage potential of the site, as outlined in the NPPF (paragraph 207).

The brick built agricultural building seems part of a partially extant 19th century farmstead, and a non-designated heritage asset (NDHA) included within the HER: MLI122559 - Belnie House, Gosberton. The farmstead is composed of 'Loose courtyard with three sides of the courtyard formed by working agricultural buildings. The farmhouse is detached from the main working complex. The farmhouse is the only surviving historic structure. Located within a loose farmstead cluster'. The brick built agricultural building is very likely one of the associated working buildings. It is visible in the Ordnance Survey Second Edition (1888-1913) map.

These types of construction are highly distinctive buildings and hold local architectonic interest. 19th-century farmsteads hold local significant heritage value by preserving the local agricultural, architectural, cultural, and ecological history of the area, making them an important heritage asset for both current and future generations. In addition, it is included in the 'Building the Evidence Base for Historic Farmsteads in Lincolnshire'. This project mapped Lincolnshire's historic farmsteads (defined as those that pre-date the 2nd edition Ordnance Survey mapping of the early 1900s).

Demolition will erase the original fabric of the brick built agricultural building.

Recommendation:

I recommend that if permission is granted, there be a condition for a mitigation strategy to effectively deal with this site.

This will comprise a phased programme of mitigation work including, but not limited to, a level 3 historic building recording of the brick built agricultural building, in accordance with Historic England's document 'Understanding Historic Buildings: A Guide to Good Recording Practice'.

This will enable the agricultural building to be recorded prior to conversion.

This should be secured by South Holland District Council's standard conditions AR04 and is in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework paragraphs 207 and 218 and the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan (Policy 29).

Finally, considering the building significance and potential impacts to the setting, the SHDC Conservation officer must be consulted before a decision is made.

With respect to the attached archaeological condition, please contact the Historic Places team at Lincolnshire County Council, Lancaster House, 36 Orchard Street, Lincoln, LN1 1XX, 07386 656079, email ruben.lopez@lincolnshire.gov.uk to discuss the requirements and request preparation of a brief for the works.

It is recommended the resulting written schemes of investigation are approved by the LCC Historic Environment Officer prior to formal submission to the Local Planning Authority.