

Online Comment

Application H09-0007-19
Location Land at New River Gate Holbeach St John Spalding PE12 0RY
Proposal Formation of a nursery including a new access, drive-way, vehicle turning area, the erection of glasshouses/shed and the formation of a reservoir - re-submission of H09-0511-18

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For/Against Comments

This office was not consulted on the previous application (H09-0511-18), and therefore did not have the opportunity to provide any archaeological advice to the local planning authority.

The proposed development is situated within an area that was extensively exploited during the Iron Age and Roman periods, with cropmarks recorded across the development site itself and in surrounding fields. This indicates the presence of the buried remains of ancient settlement, enclosure, droveways and field systems.

The proposed development could therefore have an impact on buried remains. 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.

"Local planning authorities 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 a topsoil strip, map, and record within the area of the proposed reservoir, as this will enable the rapid recording of archaeological remains within the area of greatest impact in light of the depth and extent of the groundworks involved in its creation.