Online Comment

Application	H09-0205-25
Location	Adj. Fair View Holbeach Drove Gate Holbeach Drove PE12 0PX
Proposal	Erection of 2 Dwellings

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For/Against	Comments

Thank you for consulting us on this application.
It is noted that the applicant has not provided an assessment of the historic environment potential of the site, as outlined in the NPPF (paragraph 207).
This site is in an area of The Fens that was widely settled during the later prehistoric and Roman periods. The proposed development is located in an area of Roman archaeological potential. Extensive cropmarks indicate the presence of prehistoric or Roman activity both east and west of the site and it is likely that previously unrecorded archaeology of a similar nature could exist on this site.
The historic environment record (HER) confirms that the site is in close proximity to several heritage assets: MLI20236 - Romano-British cropmark complex: 'Romano-British cropmark complex, possible field system with drove roads, and settlement evidence. [-]'. MLI22299 - Undated cropmarks. MLI22213 - Romano-British settlement: 'Enclosures, fields and droves of possible Roman settlement group, apparently part of extensive complex (with concentration at TF338142 and TF346143), seen APs as cropmarks at Lambert Drain, Holbeach. [-]'. MLI22262 - Romano-British cropmarks: 'Very regular field group on SW-NE orientation. Becomes less regular east of Lambert Drain and there are some smaller enclosures near the NE drove suggesting a possible settlement nucleus [-]' MLI22255 - Extensive Romano-British cropmark complex: 'Extensive cropmarks seen on aerial photographs by St Joseph, including roads and field boundaries. [-] Extensive cropmark complex, with possible settlement, drove roads, field system and enclosures. These include areas of compact blocks of enclosures.'
The proposed development comprises: 'Erection of 2 Dwellings'. The proposed development groundworks and any temporary works associated with the development will have a significant impact on any surviving archaeological remains, resulting in total or partial loss, if present.
As mentioned above, there is potential for development on this site to have an impact on buried remains that should be recorded prior to their destruction - NPPF (paragraph 218).
We recommend that if permission is granted, there be an archaeological condition for a mitigation strategy to effectively deal with this site.
This will comprise a phased programme of archaeological mitigation work including, but not limited to a continuous archaeological monitoring (watching brief) to enable any remaining archaeology which currently survives on this site to be properly recorded prior to its alteration or destruction.
This should be secured by South Holland District Council's standard conditions AR01, 02 and 03 and is in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework paragraphs 207 and 218 and the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan (Policy 29).
With respect to the attached archaeological conditions, please contact the Historic Places team at Lincolnshire County Council, Lancaster House, 36 Orchard Street, Lincoln, LN1 1YL, 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 mitigation strategy and Written Schemes of Investigation are approved by the LCC Historic Environment Officer prior to formal submission to the Local Planning Authority. Ten days' notice is required before commencement of any archaeological works.