

Online Comment

Application H09-0276-19
Location Land rear: Fen Road Holbeach Spalding
Proposal Erection of 84 dwellings with associated garaging, roads and sewers

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For/Against Comments

The proposed development is situated in an area of archaeological interest, which is discussed fully in the Heritage Impact Assessment provided by the developer. Previous archaeological work has revealed, Roman, Saxon and medieval remains close to this site and it is possible that similar remains may exist here which would be destroyed during development.

However, at present there is insufficient information available with which to make any reasoned decision on the archaeological impacts of the proposed development. Therefore it is recommended that the developer is required to provide more information in the form of an archaeological evaluation to be considered alongside this application. This evaluation should provide the local planning authority with sufficient information to enable it to make a reasoned decision on this planning application.

As concluded in the Heritage Impact Assessment, previous work in this area has shown that geophysical survey is not an effective technique for characterising below ground archaeology, therefore it is recommended that the evaluation takes the form of trial excavation.

"Where a site on which development is proposed includes or has the potential to include heritage assets with archaeological interest, local planning authorities should require developers to submit an appropriate desk-based assessment and, where necessary, a field evaluation." National Planning Policy Framework Section 16, para 189.

Please ask the developer to contact this office and we can prepare a brief for the works.

The evidence recorded during the fieldwork is required to be incorporated into a written report supported by specialist reports as deemed appropriate by the Historic Environment Officer. The submission of the complete archive is required to a repository approved by Lincolnshire County Council.