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From: Chance, Jennifer
Sent: 09 March 2026 10:04
To: _planningadvice
Subject: FW: H09-0442-25 - Land off Battlefields Lane South Holbeach Spalding PE12 7PG - Gradiometer Survey Report

Dear Planning Advice
Could the below be attached as a consultation response on the application please?
Many thanks
Jen

From: Ruben Lopez <Ruben.Lopez@lincolnshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 09 March 2026 09:45
To: Chance, Jennifer <Jennifer.Chance@sholland.gov.uk>
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Dear Jennifer,
Many thanks for the email.

For a small–medium residential scheme I would normally have no reservations about recommending the remaining archaeological work (evaluation and mitigation) as post-consent conditions.

However, I still recommend that an archaeological evaluation is carried out prior to determination, as significant archaeology may be present and early results would help inform mitigation (e.g. redesign for preservation in situ or targeted excavation). It is also possible that no further mitigation will be required.

If the LPA is minded to grant permission before fieldwork, I recommend securing a phased programme of investigation and mitigation through conditions Ar01, Ar02, Ar03 and Ar05.

Happy to discuss by phone or Teams if helpful.

Kind regards,

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Dear Ruben

Thank you.

Yes I am happy with you to liaise with the archaeological contractor.

My query will be whether the archaeological requirements can be conditions of any approval as I am hoping to make a recommendation on the application soon.

Kind regards

Jennifer

From: Ruben Lopez <Ruben.Lopez@lincolnshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 09 March 2026 09:02

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Hello Jennifer, good morning,

Thanks for sending the geophysics report. The applicant or archaeological contractor did not send it to me previously; that happens often with this type of report because, although we should in principle be consulted before approval, there is normally little we can comment on in this type of survey report.

I have read through the report and it is a solid survey. It acknowledges the archaeological potential as well as the survey limitations and recommends further investigation to clarify the results. I welcome the comprehensive survey of the site, as opposed to the previous very limited and insufficient investigations.

This aligns with our initial advice. The geophysical survey is only one part of the site assessment I recommended for this site; especially considering its scale and design. Therefore, I would expect the results of an intrusive trial trench evaluation of the site, together with the results of a geoarchaeological assessment; the latter is especially critical in landscapes like this one, where you often have masked archaeological features.

I am happy to liaise with the archaeological contractor and provide a brief for the works, if necessary. Do not hesitate to contact me if you require further assistance with this application.

Many thanks,

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Dear Ruben

I am not sure if you have seen the attached before they have submitted it to me, but can you please have a look and let me know your thoughts?

I will get it uploaded to the website.

Thanks

Jen

From: James Blake <james@kppcltd.co.uk>

Sent: 27 February 2026 17:10

To: Chance, Jennifer <Jennifer.Chance@sholland.gov.uk>

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Good afternoon Jennifer,

In respect of the above site, please find attached the Gradiometer Survey Report, prepared by Wessex Archaeology in response to the Historic Environment Officer's comments received on 29th July 2025.

In summary, the Report identifies that "several possible archaeological ditches across the site are present which may have formed former field boundaries or enclosures. Large pit features identified may also have archaeological origins, such as former extraction. Despite the evidence for some Romano-British to post-medieval activity from both within and surrounding the site, the geophysical anomalies do not have enough characteristic morphology to confirm a date of origin. Given the underlying natural deposits on the site, these features also have the potential to be natural channels formed by water movement, and natural pitting. Further investigation would be necessary to fully understand these features.

Several features have been identified that reflect the agricultural use of the site from the post-medieval period to today including possible former mapped field boundaries, cultivation trends and drainage. In addition, in the east of the site are features likely related to variations in the underlying deposits, however given their similarity to areas of extraction further investigation would be required to fully understand their nature. The remainder of the features identified are thought to be modern in origin, including magnetic interference from surrounding fencing, residential areas, a service and a pylon.

The survey has confirmed some of the results of the previous geophysical survey undertaken on the site in 2006. Both geophysical surveys have shown a site used for agricultural purposes, with several ditches and pits of possible archaeological origin. However, whilst some of the ditches and pits detected are the same features, some are not. Notably, some of the agricultural trends and pits detected in 2006 were not detected in this survey, showing that shallower agricultural features may have been destroyed by repeated cultivation on the site."

It is hoped that the Report sufficiently addresses the comments received; however, should any queries remain, please do let me know.

Kind regards

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