

Online Comment

Application H09-0445-16
Location The Crown Hotel Car Park West End Holbeach PE12 7LW
Proposal Pair of semi-detached dwellings on part of The Crown Hotel car park

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For/Against Comments

Holbeach settlement is mentioned in Domesday and the church is first recorded in 1177. The site lies in the heart of this medieval settlement and will probably have been in continuous use since this time. Map evidence shows that there were buildings all along the frontage on West End in the last two hundred years. Evaluation at the Old Rectory, a short distance behind this site revealed evidence of land drainage just a short distance from what was thought to be the Saxon coastline. Given this information I recommend that an archaeological scheme of works condition (4.8.1 in the archaeological handbook) is attached to any permission to enable archaeological remains within the site to be recorded prior to their destruction. Therefore 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 (2012)). This should be secured by South Holland District Councils Standard Conditions AR01, 02 and 03.

'They [The local planning authority] 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 12, para 141.

Initially I envisage that this would involve monitoring of all groundwork's, with the ability to stop and fully record archaeological features.