

Online Comment

Application H09-0697-24
Location Holbeach Drove Methodist Church Chapel Drove Holbeach Drove PE12 0PT
Proposal Change of use from Methodist Church to single dwelling

Name Historic Environment Officer
Address Lincolnshire County Council Lancaster House 36 Orchard Street LN1 1XX

Date Submitted 12-09-24
For/Against Comments

Thank you for consulting us on this application.

The proposed development will comprise change of use from Methodist Church (Wesleyan Methodist Chapel) to single dwelling. This includes alterations to the interior.

It is noted that the applicant has not yet provided an assessment of the archaeological or heritage potential of the site, as outlined in the NPPF (paragraph 200).

The Methodist Chapel is a non-designated heritage asset included within the HER: Building record MLI97746 - PRN 25673 A Wesleyan Chapel is indicated on the 1904 County Series map. The chapel opened in 1833 and is still in use as a Methodist chapel (2010).

Methodist churches like this one have been central to their communities, serving as places of worship and fostering faith, fellowship, and belonging. This chapel's significance goes beyond architecture; it reflects the important role of faith in shaping the community's spiritual and social lives.

The chapel holds value locally as a place of worship and for its broader heritage significance. It appears on historical maps, highlighting its long-standing presence. Beyond worship, churches like this were community hubs, hosting important events, making them valuable heritage assets for future generations.

Recommendation:

I recommend that if permission is granted, there be a condition for a mitigation strategy to effectively deal with this site.

This will comprise a phased programme of mitigation work including, but not limited to, a level 3 historic building recording of the Methodist Church, in accordance with Historic England's document 'Understanding Historic Buildings: A Guide to Good Recording Practice'.

This will enable the Methodist Church to be recorded prior to the change of use.

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 200 and 211 and the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan (Policy 29).

Finally, considering the building significance, the SHDC Conservation officer must be consulted before a decision is made.

With respect to the attached archaeological conditions, please contact the Historic Places team at Lincolnshire County Council, Lancaster House, 36 Orchard Street, Lincoln, LN1 1XX, 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 written schemes of investigation are approved by the LCC Historic Environment Officer prior to formal submission to the Local Planning Authority.

Fourteen days' notice is required before commencement of any archaeological works.