

Online Comment

Application H09-0771-16
Location Land west of the A151 Holbeach
Proposal Proposed Centre of Excellence in Agri Food with associated roads, car parking and landscaping.

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For/Against Comments

I was contacted at a pre-application stage regarding this development and my recommendation was for a desk based study but I also recommend that further pre-application surveys, in the form of geophysics to further support the application, as we currently hold no site specific information regarding this site. I appreciate that the desk-based study concludes that there is a low potential for archaeology however a very extensive site immediately to east has been evaluated and archaeological remains have been found (this site has been evaluated so recently that the report has not yet been completed and would not have been available to include in the desk-based assessment undertaken by Allen Archaeology. The archaeology recorded was concentrated to a little to the south east of this development site but there is still the potential for more archaeology on this site. Additionally there has been a recommendation for an archaeological condition on the proposed Peppermint Junction immediately to the south of this site.

Insufficient information is available at present with which to make any reliable observation regarding the impact of this development upon any archaeological remains. I recommend that further information is required from the applicant in the form of an archaeological evaluation to be considered alongside the application. This evaluation should provide the local planning authority with sufficient information to enable it to make a reasoned decision on this planning application. This evaluation should initially consist of geophysical survey and dependant on the results will possibly require trial trenching.

"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 12, para 128.