Online Comment

Application	H09-0845-22
Location	Land to West of Fen Road & Tudor Way Holbeach
Proposal	Erection of 100 dwellings with associated parking, roads and drainage

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Previous evaluation has taken place on this site as part of the initial plans for the wider residential development south of Hall Gate. This evaluation found the highest concentration of early medieval saltern material within trenches in this area, indicating that this was likely a focus for early industrial activity close to the former Holbeach River. The remains here are of potential regional significance as they could help advance research priorities set out in the East Midlands Historic Environment Research Framework: 6H "Assess the evidence for extractive industries [including salt making on the Lincolnshire coast] in the late Anglo-Saxon and Viking periods."

In light of this we would recommend that this area which could be impacted by the proposed development should be subject to a programme of archaeological mitigation. This should take the form of topsoil, strip, map, and sample excavation, in order to preserve these remains by record. This excavation should cover the area around the highest concentration where it will be impacted by development in the northeast part of the site approximately the area of plots No. 25-41 and 57-59.

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). This should be secured by South Holland District Council's 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 16, paragraph 205.

Initially I envisage that this would involve a programme of archaeological topsoil strip, map, and sample excavation covering the area of proposed plots No. 25-41 and 57-59 in the northeast part of the development.