

Online Comment

Application H12-0560-25
Location Lutton Marsh Methodist Church Guys Head Road Lutton Marsh PE12
9NP
Proposal Change of use, conversion and extension to create a single dwelling

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

Date Submitted 08-07-25
For/Against Comments

Thank you for consulting us on this application.

The proposed development will comprise change of use from Lutton Marsh Methodist Church 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 207).

The Methodist Church is a non-designated heritage asset included within the HER (Historic Environment record): Building record MLI127520 - Lutton Marsh Methodist Church was built at the western end of Guy's Head Road in 1936. It was constructed as a replacement for an earlier Primitive Methodist Chapel, located at Edinburgh Walk in Holbeach (see MLI127519). This new church was designed by the architect A.E. Palmer of Spalding, and was funded by the sale of the previous chapel. The pulpit, pews and furniture from the Edinburgh Walk chapel were taken to be re-used in the new church. A service to mark the opening of the new building was held on Wednesday the 28th of October 1936, following an earlier stone-laying ceremony, conducted by Sir Richard Winfrey J.P. only a few weeks prior. The building is single-storey, and constructed of red brick with a pitched slate roof.

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 church holds value locally as a place of worship and for its broader heritage significance. It appears on the Ordnance Survey First Series 1:25,000 1937-1961 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 recording 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.