Online Comment

Application	H13-0193-26
Location	West View Farm Red Cow Drove Moulton Marsh PE12 6LW
Proposal	Parking for Trailers - Retrospective

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For/Against	Comments

There is one listed building located in close proximity to the site (The Farmhouse, Grade II). While the proposal does not result in direct physical harm to the Listed Building, some harm is identified to its setting. This arises primarily from the introduction of the 1.5- m close-boarded fence, which is out of keeping with the character of the area. The surrounding landscape is predominantly open fields with occasional areas of green vegetation providing separation, and a solid fence conflicts with this established character.

In line with NPPF paragraph 208, the LPA should "avoid or minimise any conflict between the heritage asset's conservation and any aspect of the proposal." To mitigate the identified harm, we recommend incorporating a 1.5m heigh hedge in front of the fence to soften its appearance. The use of vegetation as a boundary treatment is already present on either side of the site and therefore would not be out of keeping, instead continuing the existing landscape pattern.

We support the proposed tree planting, which will help provide height- based mitigation for the trailers, reducing their visual impact on the wider setting.

Clarification is required regarding the proposed security gates. Will these be close- boarded or of an open, see- through design? Given the character of the area, an element of visibility would be more appropriate and less visually intrusive.