Online Comment

Application	H13-0228-20
Location	MOULTON METHODIST CHURCH BELL LANE MOULTON
Proposal	Proposed change of use of building from Methodist Church (D1) to residential dwelling (C3)

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For/Against	Comments

The proposed development involves the conversion the Moulton Methodist Chapel, which is a non-designated heritage asset identified by SHDC as a building of local heritage interest worthy of inclusion in its local list.

The proposals include a heritage impact assessment, but it is not evident that appropriate expertise has been used in its production and nor has the historic environment record been consulted, which is not in accordance with the NPPF (189).

The Lincolnshire Historic Environment Record includes a record for the chapel:

"This is a building identified as of historical interest by the South Holland District Council Local List. It is a good example of this style of building of this period and survives with only a few changes to its original construction."

"The chapel was visited in 2010. In 1789 a small society was established in Moulton and by 1795 a house was used for worship until the present chapel was built in 1830. It is built of red brick and has a hipped roof with a covering of modern tiles. The three-bay south end has two segmental-arched windows and a small circular window above the central segmental-headed doorway. There is one large segmental-arched window with glazing bars in each side wall. The north elevation has a hipped annexe attached but above this are two upper segmental-arched windows with margin lights, with coloured glass, and a circular light between."

The heritage impact assessment should be updated to include the information from the HER, and revised to include a more detailed assessment of the building's significance (which features are considered to be of historic, architectural, communal, or evidential value), and a detailed description of the proposed works, together with an objective assessment of any impacts and how any harm to significance can be mitigated. More information on what is requires is provided in the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan Policy 29(F) and Historic England's guidance on Statements of Heritage Significance.

Without this there is currently insufficient information to make a reasoned decision on the impacts of the proposal on the historic environment.