Online Comment

Application	H13-0536-20
Location	St James Church Woodgate Road Moulton Chapel PE12 0XQ
Proposal	Proposed building to provide toilet and kitchen and new external paving

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The proposed development is situated within the curtilage of the Grade II* Listed Chapel of St James, which was built in 1722 as a chapel of ease to the parish church in Moulton. Today it remains a striking landmark building unique in South Holland. It is also intimately connected with the history of settlement in the area that was made possible by engineering efforts involved in draining the fens.

The chapel is situated in an 'island' of roadways and was intended to be viewed in the round. The proposed external toilet block has been designed to appear subservient to the chapel, and has been located in what is felt to be a less prominent location to try to avoid views from the main road. The new block is located close the Listed building, but is constrained by the size of the churchyard. It would however be visible to one side in views from the west along the path towards the front doors of the chapel. The design proposes similar materials and detailing to the chapel itself rather than attempting to appear as a more temporary churchyard shelter or shed.

From an archaeological perspective we are not aware of any impacts of the proposal on below ground remains, as the chapel is not believed to have been used for burials, and no previous church or chapel is known to have existed on the site prior the present structure.

Therefore no archaeological input should be required.

For the avoidance of doubt, the author is also Archaeological Advisor to the Lincoln Diocesan Advisory Council for the Care of Churches (DAC), and we will in due course provide the same advice on archaeology to that committee.