Online Comment

Application	H13-0844-17
Location	South of Roman Road Moulton Chapel Spalding PE12 0XQ
Proposal	Proposed development of up to 58 houses with vehicular access (garages to be removed) (resubmission of H13-1280-16)

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For/Against	Comments

We have previously made comments on these proposals - see below.

Although this particular site falls outside the boundaries of which we would call the historic/medieval settlement there is more to consider than just the settlement core of Moulton. This site is in an area of the fens that was widely populated in the late prehistoric and Roman periods. There are large areas of cropmarks surrounding this site and it is possible that previously unknown finds and features could survive on this site.

Give this and the potential for archaeology in this part of the fens I recommend that further information is provided to support the application.

Insufficient information is available at present with which to make any reliable observation regarding the impact of this development upon any archaeological remains. I recommend that further information is required from the applicant in the form of an archaeological evaluation to be considered alongside the application. This evaluation should provide the local planning authority with sufficient information to enable it to make a reasoned decision on this planning application. This evaluation should consist of trial trenching.

'Where a site on which development is proposed includes or has the potential to include heritage assets with archaeological interest, local planning authorities should require developers to submit an appropriate desk-based assessment and, where necessary, a field evaluation. National Planning Policy Framework Section 12, para 128.

This department has received and approved a specification for the trial trenching, but it is our understanding that this work had not yet been undertaken, without the results of the trial trenching there is not enough information to be able to make an informed recommendation on the impacts of the proposed development.