

Online Comment

Application	H13-1009-23
Location	Rear of War Memorial Seas End Road Moulton Seas End PE12 6LD
Proposal	Residential Development - 2 Dwellings - Outline Approval H13-0651-20

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For/Against	Comments

Thank you for consulting War Memorials Trust, the national charity for the protection and conservation of war memorials in the UK. The Trust has a limited remit and therefore can only make comments in relation to the Grade II listed Moulton Seas End war memorial (<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1454594>) on site and not any wider heritage concerns relating to this Reserved Matters application.

The Trust has previously commented on an earlier iteration of this proposal, reference number H13-0651-20, and its later amendment which received Outline Approval; these comments should be read in conjunction.

The Trust concurs with the conclusions of the Heritage Impact Assessment which supplemented application H13-0651-20, principally that the proposed residential development to the rear would have a moderate adverse impact on the setting and significance of the war memorial. Whilst the proposed hedgerow and tree screening to the east would mitigate the impact of the development, the two-storey property behind will visually dominate the setting. The removal of an existing mature hedgerow screen to the south of the heritage asset will further impact upon the setting of this designated heritage asset and have a slight adverse impact upon its significance.

Whilst the Trust acknowledges the evolving nature of townscape settings in response to housing pressures, there is also a need to be considerate of the importance of retaining the character of a heritage asset's intended setting and mitigating the impact of development on the historic environment. Historic England's guidance on the conservation and management of war memorial landscapes contains further information, <https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/conservation-management-war-memorial-landscapes-updated/heag005-war-memorial-landscapes/>.

I would reiterate my colleague's recommendation that a condition survey be undertaken prior to the commencement of building works and upon completion, to assess if any damage has been caused to either the war memorial or its iron railings during the construction of the dwellings, subject to approval.