Online Comment

Application	H13-1280-16
Location	South of Roman Road Moulton Chapel Spalding PE12 0XQ
Proposal	Demolition of garage buildings and residential development of up to 78 dwellings including vehicular access

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For/Against	Comments

We were contacted by the developer at a pre-application stage and we recommended that archaeological evaluation be done to support the application.

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 initially consist of geophysical survey if the site is suitable and dependant on the success of the survey and results will possibly require 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.

Please ask the developer to contact this office and we will prepare a brief for the works