Online Comment

Application	H16-0068-18
Location	Marsh Road Spalding
Proposal	Proposed temperature controlled storage and distribution building including external plant and pipework, hard standing, security fencing, landscaping, storm water lagoon and stand by generator.

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For/Against	Comments

As per the pre-application advice given by this office to the applicant, the development site is in an area of archaeological interest, with medieval features revealed during groundworks for the storage buildings immediately to the west, and to the south evidence for an early medieval settlement was uncovered during construction of the Springfield Outlet Shopping Centre. Significantly, the location of this settlement has not yet been located. Iron Age, Roman and Saxon material, as well as a number of saltern sites are also recorded nearby.

Therefore, it is recommended that the developer should be required to commission a Scheme of Archaeological Works (on the lines of 4.8.1 in the Lincolnshire Archaeological Handbook (2016)). This should be secured by South Holland District Council's Standard Conditions AR01, 02 and 03.

"They [The local planning authority] should .... require developers to record and advance understanding of the significance of any heritage assets to be lost (wholly or in part), in a manner proportionate to their importance and the impact, and to make this evidence (and any archive generated) publically accessible." - National Planning Policy Framework Section 12, para 141.

I envisage that this would involve monitoring of all groundworks, with the ability to stop and fully record archaeological features.

The applicant has already commissioned a written scheme of archaeological investigation for such work, which is submitted with this application. I can confirm that this will be suitable to meet the recommended requirements, with the following amendments; inclusion of the museum accession number and expected archive deposition timescale, and incorporation of a site plan.