Online Comment

Application	H16-0109-20
Location	Part of Former Turkey Factory Clay Lake Spalding PE12 6BL
Proposal	Extension of road from access road off A16

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For/Against	Comments

The proposed development is in an area of archaeological interest with cropmarks of Roman and unknown date indicating a landscape that has been exploited for human activity over a considerable period of time.

This area has previously been subject to a programme of archaeological trial trench evaluation in 2011 in association with proposed commercial development (H16-0368-10). However, only a limited part of the site was included within the evaluation (as development was then focused on other parts of the site) meaning that most of the area affected by these proposals was not investigated. Trial trenches in the area around the proposed access road produced evidence for activity related to Iron Age water management and salt making, and it is likely that similar remains may exist in the area that was not sampled.

It is therefore 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). This should be secured by South Holland District Councils Standard Conditions AR01, 02 and 03. Initially, it is envisaged that this would involve the archaeological monitoring and recording of all groundworks.

"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 16, paragraph 189.

Please ask the developer to contact this office for further details.