Online Comment

Application	H16-0248-24
Location	Ayscoughfee Hall Museum and Gardens Church Gate Spalding PE11 2RA
Proposal	Installation of French Drain and associated works to Spalding War Memorial

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Date Submitted	03-04-24
For/Against	Comments

Thank you for consulting War Memorials Trust, the national charity for the protection and conservation of war memorials in the UK with regards to works to Spalding war memorial.

The Trust has recently been in discussion with South Holland District Council regarding a potential grant application relating to these works and has previously grant-funded this war memorial. In 2019, a grant of £630 was offered through War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme towards a condition survey and report with recommendations to inform necessary conservation and repair works, which was undertaken by a Keith Hamilton AABC Dip Cons ARB of DarntonB3 Architecture.

The proposals in this application concur with the recommendations of Keith Hamilton's report, namely that the introduction of 'French drains to the remaining soft perimeter on 4 sides will reduce the continued erosion of the structure base.' Given the consensus between these two condition surveys, the Trust would support this proposal. The Trust would consider the visual impact of this proposal to be minimal, and significantly outweighed by the benefit of addressing the current issues with water retention.

As per the aforementioned report, the Trust would highlight Keith Hamilton's advice that any new soakaways should be constructed 'ideally at least 5 metres away from the side of the pavilion'. We would also recommend that a condition is introduced to ensure that the gravel surrounding the drain is of a material and colour appropriate for the historic setting.