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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For/Against	Comments

Thank you for consulting us on this application.
The site lies in the Spalding (DLI10607) Conservation Area and in an area of medieval settlement of archaeological potential associated with Medieval and Post-Medieval activity. The site is within the Medieval Settlement of Spalding (MLI23602) and the Post-Medieval Settlement of Spalding (MLI23604).
The proposed development is in the Registered Park Garden of Ayscoughfee Hall (MLI98387) and close to the Parish Church of St Mary and St Nicholas (listed building 1359547) built as the parish church in approximately 1284, on the site of a Norman Chapel.
In 2008, NAU Archaeology undertook a scheme of archaeological trench evaluation (ELI9374) at Ayscoughfee Hall gardens in Spalding, Lincolnshire, commissioned by South Holland District Council. This aimed to better understand the gardens' history and aid in the partial restoration of selected areas. Late Saxon, medieval and post-medieval deposits were revealed. This includes pits indicative of domestic occupation, walls, brick culverts and a possible hothouse or stove.
In 1998, Lindsey Archaeological Services undertook an archaeological watching brief (ELI3571) to the south of the Parish Church of St Mary and St Nicholas while a foul sewer trench was being excavated. Circa thirteen burials were exposed as a result of this work.
The proposed development comprises the installation of a French drain, soakaway and associated works. Groundworks associated with the development will have a significant impact on any surviving archaeological remains, resulting in total or partial loss, if present.
I recommend that if permission is granted, there be an archaeological condition for a mitigation strategy to effectively deal with this site. This will comprise a phased programme of archaeological mitigation work including, but not limited to continuous archaeological monitoring (watching brief), to enable any remaining archaeology which currently survives on this site to be properly recorded during the construction phase, prior to its alteration or destruction.
This should be secured by South Holland District Council's standard conditions AR01, 02 and 03 and is in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework paragraphs 200 and 211.
With respect to the attached archaeological conditions, please contact the Historic Places team at Lincolnshire County Council, Lancaster House, 36 Orchard Street, Lincoln, LN1 1YL, 07386 656079, email ruben.lopez@lincolnshire.gov.uk to discuss the requirements and request preparation of a brief for the works.
It is recommended the resulting mitigation strategy and Written Schemes of Investigation are approved by the LCC Historic Environment Officer prior to formal submission to the Local Planning Authority. Ten days' notice is required before commencement of any archaeological works.