

Online Comment

Application H16-0297-17
Location Victoria Street Spalding
Proposal Erection of 7 apartments, including part demolition of existing brick building

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For/Against Comments

This site, although previously disturbed by the present building lies within the boundaries of the Priory of St Mary. The priory was first founded in 1052 as a dependency of the Benedictine Abbey of Crowland and dissolved during the dissolution by Henry VIII. Parts of the walls of the priory are seen in the cellars and foundations of buildings in this area and it is possible that some of the priory and other associated archaeology may be either incorporated into the present building or preserved beneath it.

Given this, 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 Councils 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 groundwork's, including the grubbing of any foundations associated with the demolition of the present building, with the ability to stop and fully record archaeological features.

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