Online Comment

Application	H16-0328-26
Location	Pavement Adj. 1 Sheep Market Spalding PE11 1BH
Proposal	Proposed Information Board relating to Sheep Sculptures

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For/Against	Comments

The proposed interpretation signage relating to the sculptures representing the location of the historic sheep market is supported. The size and siting of the sign are considered acceptable; however, it is felt that the sign would sit more comfortably on the post if presented in a portrait orientation rather than a landscape format.

It is also considered that the signage would benefit from brief clarification as to who William Cobbett was. In addition, to support clear and straightforward interpretation, a simplified wording is suggested as follows:

William Cobbett, politician and farmer, wrote in 1830 of the area's "never- ending sheep." The Sheepmarket historically contained pens for over 1,300 sheep for weekly livestock auctions. For centuries, Lincolnshire landowners prospered from the wool trade, until cotton eventually overtook wool within the textile industry.

The Lincoln Longwool was the favoured local breed, highly prized for the weight and quality of its thick, curling fleece. Despite its large size, the breed is docile and could be managed without the use of a dog. Now officially classed as a rare breed, the Lincoln Longwool provided the inspiration for the sculptured flock.