Online Comment

Application	H16-0792-23
Location	Witteman Nurseries South Drove Pode Hole PE11 3BD
Proposal	Demolition of Class Q consented agricultural buildings and erection of three dwellings, associated hard and soft landscaping and creation of a re-wilding area.

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Date Submitted	19-10-23
For/Against	Comments

The proposed development lies within an area of archaeological sensitivity. To the north are recorded a group of undated cropmarks and a complex of Romano-British cropmarks are known just to the west of these. To the south are further undated, although most likely Roman period, enclosures and droveways and a further stretch of droveway is recorded to the east along with evidence of enclosures and possible salterns.
While I am willing to accept that the current buildings will have had an impact on any below ground remains, the proposed pond does have the potential to damage archaeological remains.
NPPF 2023, para 205 states 'Local planning authorities 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) publicly accessible.'
I recommend, therefore, that an archaeological trench should be excavated in the pond location ahead of the groundworks in order to identify, and make an adequate record of, any archaeological remains which may be disturbed by the proposed works. This should be undertaken in accordance with a Written scheme of Investigation submitted to and approved by this section on behalf of the Local Planning Authority and should be secured through the use of the standard SHDC conditions AR 01,02 and 03 on any planning permission.
This section will be happy to advise the applicant or their agent on the precise nature of the archaeological excavation.