

Online Comment

Application H16-0932-22
Location SPALDING GENTLEMANS SOCIETY 9a BROAD STREET SPALDING PE11 1TB
Proposal Demolition of rear flat roof extension including making good existing building

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For/Against Comments

The extensions proposed for demolition are of little architectural or historic interest and are not sympathetic to the original museum building which has been designated as a Listed building in light of its architectural and historic interest. Therefore the proposed demolition could be seen to enhance and better reveal the significance of the original museum building:

"Local planning authorities should look for opportunities for new development within Conservation Areas and World Heritage Sites, and within the setting of heritage assets, to enhance or better reveal their significance. Proposals that preserve those elements of the setting that make a positive contribution to the asset (or which better reveal its significance) should be treated favourably." National Planning Policy Framework, section 16, paragraph 206.

However internally the extensions proposed for demolition contain significant historic collections and we would recommend that a photographic record of these spaces be provided prior to demolition, and ideally before its historic collections and displays are removed.

The building is within an area of archaeological interest close to the historic core of medieval Spalding. We would therefore recommend that demolition is carried out to ground level only. If existing foundations are required to be grubbed out and removed then this should be carried out under archaeological monitoring and recording to ensure that any remains disturbed can be recorded. If such work is proposed then we would recommend that this be required by condition using South Holland District Council's standard conditions AR1, AR2 and AR3.

"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 accessible⁶⁹. However, the ability to record evidence of our past should not be a factor in deciding whether such loss should be permitted." National Planning Policy Framework, section 16, paragraph 205.