

Online Comment

Application H16-1017-16
Location Former Sessions House Sheep Market Spalding PE11 1BE
Proposal Change of use of Sessions House to residential, including internal alterations

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For/Against Comments

This application was submitting with an accompanying Historic Building appraisal which was enough to determine the significance of the building from an archaeological point of view. The appraisal unfortunately does not contain enough information to record the Sessions House before it begins its conversion to a domestic dwelling. We are aware that the applicants desire to treat this historic building with the greatest respect and preserve all of the historic features wherever possible. Unfortunately however sensitive the conversion there will be a loss as this public building begins its journey to a domestic dwelling.

With this in mind I would recommend that, prior to development, the developer should be required to undertake historic building recording according to a scheme to be agreed with, submitted to and approved by the local authority. It is not necessary to require all of this recording to be done prior to any development beginning but the recording should be done in advance of work beginning in the areas of historic value (as discussed on site).

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.