

Online Comment

Application H16-1046-23
Location 4 SPRING GARDENS SPALDING PE11 2XL
Proposal Proposed annexe

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For/Against Comments

This is a relatively small development, though it is situated within the grounds of the medieval priory of St. Mary, founded AD 1052 and dissolved in AD 1540. The extents of the priory and location of some of its major buildings are known from historic mapping. Archaeological monitoring of building foundations in the vicinity has revealed evidence of medieval activity. This development, therefore, has the potential to impact significant 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.'

It is recommended that the developer should be required to commission a Scheme of Archaeological Works (on the lines of 4.10.4 in the archaeological handbook). This should be secured by standard conditions AR01-03. The purpose is to ensure that any archaeological remains within the site are recorded prior to their destruction.

Initially I envisage that this would involve monitoring of all groundwork's, with the ability to stop and fully record archaeological features.