

Online Comment

Application	H16-1186-18
Location	Former Welland Hospital Site / Former Garage Holbeach Road Spalding PE11 2HY
Proposal	Details of archaeological investigation (Conditions 4 and 5 of H16-0867-17)

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This written scheme of investigation (WSI) requires several amendments before it can be approved. This is in order for it to comply with the Lincolnshire Archaeological Handbook (which is necessary as part of condition 4):

- The WSI should begin with a non-technical summary to aid understanding by client, planning officers and all other interested parties.
- Paragraph 4. The site location and description should include information on the geology of the site.
- Paragraph 7-9. The Historical and Archaeological Background appears to be incomplete, with no assessment of the known archaeology of the area. This need only be a summary sufficient to understand the site's archaeological potential.
- Paragraph 17. It is a requirement of the Lincolnshire Archaeological Handbook that all written schemes of investigation include an accession number to enable the project archive to be deposited at an appropriate archive, usually The Collection in Lincoln. We cannot approve a WSI until an accession number has been provided.
- Paragraph 22. Given this, how will any archaeological remains revealed during groundworks in excess of 1.2m be recorded? Given that in some areas deeper groundworks are planned.
- Paragraph 46. An estimated deposition window should be identified in the WSI, this can be varied later if necessary, but it is needed in order to ensure an appropriate timetable is in place.

We also recommend re-wording paragraph 16 to avoid potential confusion, clarifying that all groundworks will be monitored "only within the two areas identified in Figure 1." This paragraph should also explicitly include the monitoring of the grubbing out of the existing foundations and concrete pads within these areas, as identified in the work required that was set out in the brief.