Online Comment

Application	H16-1327-21
Location	Land at Spalding Power Station West Marsh Road Spalding PE11 2BB
Proposal	Construction and operation of an unmanned Battery Energy Storage System ('BESS') with a power capacity of up to 550 megawatt ('MW') with associated works including control and protection systems, power conversion systems (and associated transformers), temperature regulation systems, a main step-up transformer(s) and switchgear, welfare facilities, electrical cabling and electrical connection, and other associated works.

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For/Against	Comments

The proposed development is in an area where a historic early medieval sea bank known as Roman Bank is recorded on historic mapping. Although the bank no longer survives here, it once marked the boundary between the Welland and the habitable land of Spalding, and still survives the north and south as an extant earthwork. Archaeological evidence for ancient salt production was also encountered on the power station site when the sugar beat factory was first constructed during the 20th century. This activity was likely situated immediately east on the seaward side of the bank.

However, the recent uses of the site are understood to have heavily disturbed the ground conditions, with former railway sidings, settling ponds and tanks having been excavated across it, and more recently a large mound of 'made ground' created. It is also understood that the proposed development will see this mound flattened and use to level and increase the height of the ground within the site to reduce flood risk. It is therefore unlikely that there would significant impact on any buried remains that have survived beneath levels of the previous disturbance caused by the sugar beat factory.

On this basis we would not recommend that any archaeological impact be required for this present application.