

Online Comment

Application H16-1349-21
Location Land Adj. The Library Victoria Street Spalding
Proposal Erection of 2 two bed detached dwellings

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For/Against Comments

This office has commented on a number of previous proposals for this site, which is located close to the historic core of the settlement of Spalding and the site of its medieval priory. It is interesting to hear of the discovery of possible remains of the former Georgian prison during the recent groundworks associated with a prior permission. We would therefore agree with the developer's Design & Access statement that the existing written scheme of archaeological investigation (WSI) should be transferred to this application.

A pre-commencement condition (SHDC standard condition AR1) would no longer be required as this WSI has already been produced and partially implemented, however the secondary AR2 and AR3 conditions should still be added to any fresh planning permission to require notification of the intention to re/start the archaeological work, and subsequently to approve the final report and deposition of the finds and paper archive to the museum.

"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. 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.