

## Online Comment

**Application** H17-0004-26  
**Location** 1 Park Lane Surfleet Spalding PE11 4AF  
**Proposal** Demolition of Existing Building and Erection of 3 New Dwellings

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**Date Submitted** 22-01-26  
**For/Against** Comments

I write to confirm that I have no objections to this proposed development upon built heritage conservation grounds.

Although Surfleet does not have a conservation area, the proposal site is nevertheless within the visual context of the Grade II listed Mermaid Inn. The existing structure is of an exceptionally poor quality of design that undoubtedly is a significant draw on the appearance of the immediate setting, and subsequently harmful to the wider character area around the Mermaid Inn, and the Victorian iron bridge and so whilst the setting is not within a CA, it can be said that the removal of the existing building would be a positive force upon the setting of the Listed Building and Surfleet more broadly.

The proposed replacement development appears to be of a fairly modest standard of design, looking fairly unremarkable for its type, albeit formed of a much more conventional design than the existing, resulting in a development which would appear to share much more in common with the broader development surroundings. With this in mind, I would suggest that the removal and replacement of the existing as proposed in this case would represent a minor form of improvement to the setting of the historic environment.