

Written Scheme of Archaeological Investigation:

In relation to the recording of an 'historic' building

at: Birds Drove, Surfleet, Lincolnshire PE11 4BE.

PLANNING APPLICATION No : H17-1340-21

SUMMARY

This specification details a programme of Historic Building Recording to be carried out prior to the demolition of a possible pre 19th century dwelling house (cottage) due to a planning permission to allow its replacement, located off Birds Drove, Surfleet PE11 4BE.

Planning permission has been granted by South Holland District Council for the demolition of the dwelling. As the proposed demolition will lead to the loss of information on the history of the building, the South Holland Planning Archaeologist has recommended that a programme of Historic Building Recording is carried out on in advance of the proposed development.

The project will culminate in the production of a report describing and interpreting the main findings.

INTRODUCTION

This specification is prepared in order to detail :

1. An assessment of the significance and proposed mitigation strategy (i.e. preservation by a building recording in this instance).
2. A methodology and timetable for the site investigation and recording
3. Provision of a site analysis
4. Provision of record publication / distribution
5. Provision of Archive Deposition
6. Nomination of competent person to undertake the work
7. Scheme to be in accordance with the Lincolnshire Archaeological Handbook (i.e. A Level 2 type recording)

SITE LOCATION & DESCRIPTION

The site is located immediately adjacent the southern roadside ditch along Birds Drove, Surfleet, approximately 1km west from the A152. It is located immediately east of a large new build dwelling namely 'Malla Willa', and approximately 90yards east of 'Fairview' farmhouse.

For the purposes of the planning application, the cottage is referred to as 'Orchard Cottage' albeit there appears to be no record of that house name.

The existing cottage is only 2-3 metres back from the ditch brink, and accessed either over a neighbouring culvert crossing, or immediately via a concrete footbridge. Location at grid reference 523947, 329634.

It is located north of a small rather newly planted area of trees/fruit bushes, although historic maps show the 1.5 hectares behind it as possible 'orchard', and therefore the cottages may have been part of that enterprise.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The proposed scheme provides for a replacement dwelling 'cottage style'.

Planning permission for the development has been granted by South Holland District Council reference H17-1340-21. A WSI is requested to record the existing building generally, condition number 9 through to 11, and the Planning Archeologist for South Holland has advised a programme of level II building recording is more than suitable.

It should be noted, that the existing cottage was due to have been demolished under a former planning permission Ref H17/0500/92 condition number 6, without any requirement for recording etc, albeit it never was demolished.

HISTORY & BACKGROUND

This cottage is dated albeit not listed or recorded as any kind of historic asset or of historic interest.

The cottage received permission to be retained as a domestic residential dwelling earlier in the year under planning application reference H17-0933-21, as it was occupied and in lawful use although there was an historic planning condition for the cottage to be demolished.

The intention was to retain the existing cottage and undertake renovations and improvements, inclusive of a proposed rear extension to form an open plan kitchen / dining area and further bedroom above.

Following receipt of refurbishment & building quotations, and further intrusive investigations, the dwelling wasn't viable to retain.

The intention would be to respect the 'cottage principle' and re-provide a characteristic and proportionate cottage dwelling on the same site and general position of the existing building.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Purpose of this report is to :

1. Produce a photographic archive record of the building prior to its demolition.
2. Produce a report for deposition with the Lincolnshire Archaeology department.
3. Provide information for accession to the county historic environment record

DATA GATHERING

- An existing scaled floor plan and elevations shall be included.
- Plans will include photograph orientations
- A full photographic record will be made internally and externally, including roof structures and original features.
- Photographs will include general views of elevations and specifics of internals / externals that may not be apparent from general photographs.
- Historic maps where available

REPORTING

The report will contain:

- A non technical summary
- Description of data gathering
- A summary discussion of the evidence gathered
- A consideration to the significance of the building
- Location Plans / maps
- Plan of photograph orientations
- Details of photographic data obtained

ARCHIVE PREPARATION & DEPOSITION

The report will be submitted to SHDC and Lincolnshire County Council Historic Environment for appropriate archiving.

With Regards
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