

Online Comment

Application H17-0624-18
Location Land between 61-71 Seas End Road Surfleet Spalding PE11 4DQ
Proposal Erection of 4 bed detached house - outline application H17-0636-17

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For/Against Comments

We recommended that an evaluation be carried out on this site to assess its archaeological potential prior to determination of outline application H17-0636-17, because of the evidence nearby for an extensive salt making industry.

Following the grant of planning permission without an assessment of the impact on buried archaeology an evaluation was carried out post-determination, and the report of this has been submitted here in support of this application. This evaluation found no evidence for the use of this site for salt making, however it did reveal evidence for medieval activity in this area, which was previously unknown.

Finds of late medieval and post-medieval bricks, tile, animal bone and shell as well as pottery spanning these periods could indicate the presence nearby of settlement including early brick buildings. Therefore it is necessary for further work to take place in order to record heritage assets of archaeological interest prior to their destruction.

Therefore given this it is recommended that the developer should be required to commission a Scheme of Archaeological Works (on the lines of 4.8.1 in the Lincolnshire Archaeological Handbook) This should be secured by South Holland District Council's standard conditions AR01, 02 and 03.

"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" - National Planning Policy Framework section 12, paragraph 141.

Initially I envisage that this would involve monitoring of all groundwork's, with the ability to stop and fully record archaeological features.