Online Comment

Application	H17-0793-20
Location	Land off Sunnydale Close Surfleet Spalding
Proposal	Residential development of 75 dwellings, with associated garages, road and sewers

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For/Against	Comments

This office has previously been consulted on earlier proposals for a smaller development of 25 houses covering only the western part of the site. This was subject to a programme of archaeological evaluation. However, the eastern half has not previously been investigated.

As discussed in the desk-based assessment that has been submitted here, medieval saltern mounds were revealed during previous evaluation, which produced pottery and finds dating from the early medieval period. The site of the salt making itself or any settlement associated with it was not located and it is possible that such remains may exist within the eastern half of the site. Lidar (laser scanning) data produced by the Environment Agency also appears to indicate that traces of the similar saltern mounds may also extend into the eastern part of the proposed development curving around the northern edge of the site adjacent to Park Farm, as well as linear bank crossing both parts of the development.

It is recommend that the developer be required to commission an archaeological trial trench evaluation to investigate the archaeological potential of the uninvestigated eastern part of the site, in order that the local planning authority has sufficient information on the significance of the archaeological remains that will be impacted by the proposed development. The results of the evaluation will also be required in order to agree, if necessary, an appropriate mitigation strategy to record or preserve any remains to be impacted by construction.

"Where a site on which development is proposed includes or has the potential to include heritage assets with archaeological interest, local planning authorities should require developers to submit an appropriate desk-based assessment and, where necessary, a field evaluation." - National Planning Policy Framework section 16, paragraph 189.