

## Online Comment

**Application** H17-0980-24  
**Location** The Old Chapel 82 Seas End Road Surfleet PE11 4DQ  
**Proposal** Residential Development - Single Dwelling - including demolition of 'Old Chapel' 0.039Ha and change of use of part Agricultural field to Site for Biodiversity Measures. 0.045Ha.

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**For/Against** Comments

Thank you for consulting us on this application.

The proposed development will comprise: Residential Development - Single Dwelling - including demolition of 'Old Chapel' 0.039Ha and change of use of part Agricultural field to Site for Biodiversity Measures. 0.045Ha.

It is noted that the applicant has not provided an assessment of the heritage potential of the building, as outlined in the NPPF (paragraph 207). Likewise, the design and access statement accompanying the application does not identify the heritage significance of the building.

The Wesleyan Methodist Chapel is a non-designated heritage asset (NDHA) recorded in the Historic Environment Record (HER) under Building Record MLI97740 - Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Seas End Road, Surfleet Seas End. It is depicted on the Ordnance Survey Second Edition (1888-1913) map. The current building was constructed in 1869 and ceased functioning as a chapel in 1953.

Methodist churches like this one have been central to their communities, serving as places of worship and fostering faith, fellowship, and belonging. This chapel's significance goes beyond architecture; it reflects the important role of faith in shaping the community's spiritual and social lives.

The chapel holds value locally as a former place of worship and for its broader heritage significance. It appears on historical maps, highlighting its long-standing presence. Beyond worship, churches like this were community hubs, hosting important events, making them valuable heritage assets for future generations.

**Recommendation:**

Currently there is insufficient specific information on the heritage potential for the building and the extent of impact to the building from the proposed development.

I recommend that the applicant submit the results of a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA). This will be in accordance with Historic England Advice Note 12: Statements of Heritage Significance: Analysing Significance in Heritage Assets.

This HIA will aim to determine the significance and character of any heritage assets which could be impacted by the proposed development as noted above.

This information should be provided with the application so that an informed planning recommendation can be made and to meet the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) paragraphs 207 and 218.

This will also help inform an appropriate mitigation strategy for the proposed impact if necessary and should permission be subsequently granted.

Finally, considering the building significance and potential impacts to the setting, the SHDC Conservation officer must be consulted before a decision is made.

With respect to the attached historic environment recommendation, please contact the Historic Places team at Lincolnshire County Council, Lancaster House, 36 Orchard Street, Lincoln, LN1 1XX, 07386 656079, email [ruben.lopez@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:ruben.lopez@lincolnshire.gov.uk) to discuss the HIA requirements.