

## Online Comment

**Application** H18-0388-21  
**Location** EAST LIGHTHOUSE EAST BANK SUTTON BRIDGE PE12 9YT  
**Proposal** Basement conversion, removal of modern masonry walls, and re-instatement of Sir Peter Scotts sketching window

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**For/Against** Comments

The proposed development involves alterations to the Grade II\* Listed Lighthouse on the east bank of the River Nene at Sutton Bridge. As noted in the developer's Heritage Appraisal this designated heritage asset is of considerable heritage significance, and it is of national if not international importance, both as a monument to the massive drainage works during the 19th century to create the landscape we see today, but also for its historical associations with Sir Peter Scott and the birth of the wetland conservation movement during the early 20th century.

This office support plans to bring the building back into viable use that would ensure its continued conservation. Proposals to reinstate lost historic features such as the Sir Peter Scott sketching window (subject to the approval of the local planning authority's specialist conservation advice) and to research and if possible reinstate the interior decorative schemes he designed in the tower bedroom are welcomed as they would enhance and better reveal the building's significance in line with national planning policy (NPPF section 16).

In the view of this office the level of detail included in the Heritage Appraisal is sufficient to enable a reasoned decision to be made. We would however recommend that a copy of the historic building record produced from the 'watching brief' proposed during the restoration works is submitted to the local planning authority and the Lincolnshire Historic Environment Record so that it can be used to enhance our records for the building and make this information publicly accessible as required by national planning policy (NPPF section 16, paragraph 199). This should be secured using an appropriate condition to require its submission and approval in writing by the local planning authority within 3 months of the work taking place.