Online Comment

Application	H22-0314-21
Location	POPLAR FARM FENGATE DROVE WESTON PE12 6DJ
Proposal	Proposed extension & alterations, new garage & workshop and demolition of existing outbuildings

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Poplar Farm is a historic farmstead recorded in the Lincolnshire Historic Environment Record. The proposed development includes demolition of three of the historic agricultural buildings on the site.

Traditional farm buildings such as this are increasingly becoming redundant in a rapidly changing industry. They play an integral part in giving the landscape of South Holland its sense of place and character, and preserve evidence for the history and development of the area's agricultural industry and fenland social history. These vernacular buildings are now increasingly under threat from conversion or demolition and are a diminishing resource in our countryside.

If the local planning authority is minded to grant consent I would recommend that, prior to any demolition or alteration, the developer should be required to undertake historic building recording. 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 Councils 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 16, paragraph 199.

A brief can be produced by this office setting out details of the above if required.