

Online Comment

Application H22-0685-20
Location Rear of 192 to 200 High Road Weston Spalding PE12 6JU
Proposal Outline permission for 5 single storey dwellings

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The proposed development is situated away from the historic centre of Weston, but in an area that has previously produced evidence for early medieval settlement and activity, as well as earlier remains from the Roman period. These were revealed during evaluation ahead of the construction of the Weston bypass, and in evaluation trenching associated with residential development off High Road around 200m northwest of this site. An area of geophysical survey has also been carried out in advance of proposed development in the field to the north of High Road, which revealed anomalies indicative of archaeological remains surviving within the area to be developed.

There is thus potential for remains of Roman and early medieval date to extend into the area of the proposed development, which could be impacted by construction. Therefore, it is recommended that the developer should be required to commission an Archaeological Scheme of 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 16, paragraph 199.

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