Online Comment

Application	H22-0970-15
Location	Land at Small Drove Weston Spalding PE12 6HU
Proposal	Construction of 45 residential dwellings and associated garages & infrastructure

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For/Against	Comments

This site is in an area of the fens that was widely populated in the late prehistoric and Roman periods. We have recorded some of this landscape when the A151 was constructed and aerial photographs show other areas of archaeology to the south-east.

We were contacted at a pre-application stage regarding this site and we advised that a desk-based assessment combined with a geophysics report, if site conditions allow, should be submitted in the first instance to support the application. Dependant on the results and success of the geophysics archaeological trial trenching may also be required.

Insufficient information is available at present with which to make any reliable observation regarding the impact of this development upon any archaeological remains. I recommend that further information is required from the applicant in the form of an archaeological evaluation to be considered alongside the application. This evaluation should provide the local planning authority with sufficient information to enable it to make a reasoned decision on this planning application. This evaluation should consist of desk-based assessment, geophysics and trial excavation.

'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 12, para 128.

Please ask the developer to contact this office and we will prepare a brief for the works.