

Online Comment

Application H22-1070-23
Location Off High Road Weston Spalding PE12 6JU
Proposal Residential Development - Erection of 2 Dwellings

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For/Against Comments

The proposed development is situated away from the historic centre of Weston, but in an area that has previously produced evidence for Saxon settlement and other 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 on a proposed housing development to the east, on the north side of High Road.

Geophysical survey was conducted in 2022 in connection with a previous planning application covered most of this Site. The geophysical survey did identify potential archaeological features, perhaps enclosures and/or salt making, just to the north of this Site but with the potential to extend into this area. In general interpretation of the results was made difficult by the geological conditions. A trial trench evaluation identified a ditch containing medieval pottery just to the east of these potential features.

The Site, therefore, has the potential to contain archaeological remains and further information is required in order to make an informed decision on the application.

NPPF 2023, para. 194 states: '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.'

It is recommended that a trial trench evaluation of the Site is carried out prior to determination and the results submitted along with the application. A decision on the need for/nature of mitigation can then be made. This office will be happy to offer further advice on the requirements for this work.