

Online Comment

Application H23-0559-18
Location Off Oxcroft Bank Shepeau Stow Spalding PE12 0TY
Proposal Residential development

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The proposed development falls within an extensive prehistoric and Roman landscape known from cropmarks in this field and those to the north, east and west. Archaeological monitoring of groundworks during the construction of another house on Oxcroft Bank around 50m to the south revealed evidence for Roman activity, making the presence of similar remains on this site more likely. The proposed development therefore has the potential to destroy archaeological evidence that has the could help contribute to understandings of the Roman settlement and exploitation of this area.

Therefore 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 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 12, paragraph 141.

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