Online Comment

Application	H23-0646-21
Location	New Saracens Head PH Washway Road Saracens Head PE12 8AY
Proposal	Demolition of public house and outline planning permission for residential

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For/Against	Comments

The proposed development is located in an area of archaeological interest where extensive remains of medieval salterns have been identified. The salterns at Saracens Head were of such importance during the medieval period that in the Bishop of Lincoln had to intervene in disputes between the parishes of Whaplode and Holbeach who each claimed rights to them. Previous development a short distance to the east off Roman Bank has revealed in situ hearth ovens used in medieval salt production, and there is the potential for similar remains to survive here that could be impacted by development.

Therefore given this 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 16, paragraph 205.

Initially I envisage that this would involve monitoring of all groundworks, with the ability to stop and fully record archaeological features. This would include the grubbing out of existing foundations if the public house is demolished.

Please ask the developer to contact this office for further details.