

Online Comment

Application H23-0847-25
Location Rear of Westerley Back Bank Whaplode Drove PE12 0TT
Proposal Erection of 2 Dwellings - outline approval H23-0698-22

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For/Against Comments

Thank you for consulting us on this application.

The proposal is located within an area of archaeological potential, as stated in our previous comments in relation to H23-0698-22, which I hereby reiterate.

It is noted that the applicant has provided an approved in principle WSI: WDSL25 Written scheme of investigation for archaeological evaluation. This WSI meets the required standards.

The proposed development comprises 'Erection of 2 Dwellings.' The proposed development groundworks and any temporary works associated with the development (including landscaping, drainage connections and BNG planting) will have a significant impact on any surviving archaeological remains, resulting in total or partial loss, if present.

As mentioned above, there is potential for development on this site to have an impact on buried remains that should be recorded prior to their destruction - NPPF (paragraph 218). There is archaeological potential, and we do not possess evidence that previous limited development activity truncated possible present heritage assets.

I recommend that if permission is granted, there be an archaeological condition for a mitigation strategy to effectively deal with this site. This will comprise a phased approach of archaeological investigation and mitigation work.

This will initially comprise but may not be limited to a trial trench evaluation of the site which should aim to determine the presence, absence, significance, depth and character of any archaeological remains which could be impacted by the proposed development as noted above and to inform a programme of further archaeological mitigation work which may be required if archaeological remains are identified in the evaluation.

This will enable any remaining archaeology which currently survives on this site to be properly assessed and recorded prior to their alteration or destruction.

This should be secured by South Holland District Council's standard conditions AR01, 02, 03, 05 and is in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework paragraphs 207 and 218 and the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan (Policy 29).

With respect to the attached archaeological conditions, please contact the Historic Places team at Lincolnshire County Council, Lancaster House, 36 Orchard Street, Lincoln, LN1 1YL, 07386 656079, email ruben.lopez@lincolnshire.gov.uk to discuss the requirements and request preparation of a brief for the works.

Ten days' notice is required before commencement of any archaeological works.