

Online Comment

Application H23-1116-21
Location Crown Farm Stockwell Gate West Whaplode PE12 6WG
Proposal Proposed Barn Conversion

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For/Against Comments

The proposed development involves the conversion of part of a historic farmstead. Crown Farm is recorded in the Lincolnshire Historic Environment Record (HER) as it was identified by English Heritage during their Greater Lincolnshire Farmstead Assessment Framework. The structural report submitted also shows that a large amount of the building's historic fabric still remains.

Traditional farm buildings are increasingly becoming redundant in a rapidly changing industry. They play an integral part in giving the fenland landscape a sense of place and character. These vernacular buildings are now under threat from conversion or demolition and are a diminishing resource in our countryside. New uses frequently alter the original fabric and character of the building, and it is beneficial to create a record of the structure before alteration or demolition.

With this in mind I would recommend that, prior to development, the developer should be required to undertake historic building recording. 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.