

Archaeological advice

Planning application: B/24/0052

Location: 33, Church Road, Old Leake

Proposal: Outline planning application with some matters reserved (Appearance, Landscaping & Scale) for later approval for 4no dwellings

Archaeological background:

The proposed site lies in an area of archaeological interest, lying in the historic core of the settlement opposite the church of St Mary (Grade I Listed) which dates from the 12th century.

Old Leake is recorded in the Domesday Survey and evidence of earlier settlement has been recorded during a series of archaeological investigations including at Vicarage Gardens where a complex range of archaeological features dating from the late Saxon to post-medieval periods was revealed. Archaeological work (off Church Road) has recorded medieval and post-medieval ditches.

Recommendation:

It is considered that the site offers a potential for archaeological remains to be present based on the extent and type of remains recorded in the vicinity. Insufficient information is available at present with which to make any reliable observation regarding the impact of this development upon any archaeological remains.

Therefore, given this it is recommended that the developer should be required to commission a Scheme of Archaeological Work, in the form of an archaeological evaluation to determine the presence, character and date of any archaeological deposits present at the site. This evaluation should initially consist of trial trenching.

...‘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. National Planning Policy Framework 2023, Section 16, para 200.

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