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Subject: 25/00865/PIP – Land North of the New House, The Fen, Fenstanton

Dear Charlotte,

25/00865/PIP – Land North of the New House, The Fen, Fenstanton

I am writing in regards to the archaeological potential of the above referenced planning application.

Our records indicate that the development lies in an area of high archaeological potential. To the west of the site lies a dense area of cropmarks showing an extensive funerary landscape. The landscape consists of Neolithic to Bronze Age barrows, a potential Neolithic mortuary enclosure, a possible cursus monument and polygonal barrow which are visible on cropmarks and as an earthwork feature on LiDAR (Cambridgeshire Historic Environment Record reference. 08826). The area is also overlain by an extensive Iron Age to Roman field system. This field system is likely to have continued to the west of the site where Iron Age to Roman linear cropmarks are present (CHER ref. MCB25122), in the vicinity of further ring ditches (CHER ref. MCB25123). Later activity is seen *c.*300m to the south-west where earthworks have been interpreted as medieval house platforms (CHER ref. 03487). Slight remains of a medieval moat are known *c.*150m to the south-west (CHER ref. 01084). The full extent of the moat is unknown due to truncation from modern development, however historic mapping indicates its northern and eastern arms survived into the 19th century.

Whilst this site lies in an area of archaeological interest we cannot make specific recommendations without sight of a final site layout plan and an understanding of the scale and impacts of the proposed development. We are however content that no works are required prior to determination of an application and consequently we wish to raise no objections for this application to secure Planning In Principle, however we would request to be consulted on any future planning application for development within the redline area indicated, with the expectation that a condition on development, if required, could be secured at Technical Details stage.

Kind Regards

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