

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Planning Committee

13 May 2015

AUTHOR/S: Planning and New Communities Director

Application Number:	S/2822/14/OL
Parish:	Foxton
Proposal:	Outline application for development of up to 95 houses (Class C3) with access, open space and associated infrastructure and with all other reserved
Site address:	Land off Shepreth Road, Foxton
Applicant:	Gladman Developments Ltd
Recommendation:	Refusal
Key material considerations:	The main issues are whether the proposed development would provide a suitable site for housing, having regard to the principles of sustainable development and housing land supply, scale of development and impact on character and landscape. impact on heritage assets, services and facilities, access and transport, drainage, and ecology.
Committee Site Visit:	Yes
Departure Application:	Yes
Presenting Officer:	Paul Sexton
Application brought to Committee because:	The application proposal raises considerations of wider than local interest.
Date by which decision due:	2 March 2015

Update to Report

Representations – Paragraph 73 (County Archaeologist)

1. Further to the submission of the evaluation report Cambridgeshire Archaeology has advised that evidence for Late Bronze Age – Early Iron Age activity has been identified. This includes areas of probable settlement related activity and the ring ditch of a probable Bronze Age burial mound. In terms of significance, the barrow could be considered of national importance and there are examples of these

monuments in the District which benefit from statutory designation as Scheduled Monuments. The proximity of settlement related activity of similar date adds to the significance of the monument. However, when condition and survival are taken into account, the evaluation identified no surviving evidence of a mound and the monument is not visible as a surface feature. The monument survives as a ring ditch, with little additional detail, although it should be noted that there remains a possibility that associated burials may survive beyond the limit of the trial trench.

2. Consequently, although preservation of this monument in situ would be preferable, excavation, recording and publication of the results are an acceptable alternative mitigation strategy. This could be secured by the inclusion of an appropriate negative condition should planning permission be granted.

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