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Care home and apartments to be built on riverside

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Planning permission has been granted for a self-contained care home and two apartment blocks for people aged over 55 in Spalding.

The final plans for the site in Roman Bank have been in development for more than a year, with numerous conditions and amendments requested by the council since they were first submitted.

Now, satisfied the conditions have been met, South Holland District Council Planning Committee have approved the work on the site subject to conditions.

The planned site is located opposite the Bakkover food factory.

Agent Andrew Corey said at the meeting: "We've been working very closely with the council officers and the developer to craft the proposal. As a result it's become a high quality proposal."

Mr Corey detailed the changes made to the original submitted plan.

"We've added car parking provision, we've changed floor levels to overcome flooding concerns, we've reduced the building's footprint to increase external garden space and amenity, we've added balconies, we've undertaken façade animation, we've changed the roofscape so it gives us a more animated and interesting façade, and we've increased the spacing between buildings to afford access to the river, which is obviously a very important part of the site," he said.

"I think all of these addi-



Top: Khoury Architects' digital render showing the planned apartments and care home. Above: The wasteland site as it stands now, before development.

tions will ensure the scheme will be a pleasing addition to the area and Spalding's community care provision."

At the meeting, South Holland District Council Development Manager Richard Fidler reported that the Civic Society didn't feel the changes were sufficient.

"The Civic Society welcomes some of the improvements but it still finds it disappointing, describing it as warehousing for the elderly

and on the whole find the development unworthy of its prominent riverside location," said Mr Fidler.

He added that the Civic Society said there had been "no request from the NHS for any health provision as part of this application".

Mr Corey added: "Any occupants of the flats will require a care provision."

The site previously had planning permission granted for 63 apartments in 2009.

Unexplained death in town

Lincolnshire Police are investigating the unexplained death of a Holbeach man.

Just after 9am on Monday, September 11, emergency services were called to a house in Fleet Street,

Holbeach, to attend to a man in his 40s.

Sadly, he was pronounced dead at the scene.

A post mortem examination will take place in due course to determine the cause of death, which

is being treated as unexplained in the meantime.

Anyone who has any information that they believe may be relevant to the enquiry is asked to call 101, quoting incident number 96 of 11th September.

Police capture wanted sofa scam man

A man has been arrested on suspicion of fraud by false representation and returned to prison after breaching the terms of his licence.

Lincolnshire Police issued a warning this week following a spate of reports of a man asking for money to pay for a sofa that had just been delivered.

He visited Crowland and

Spalding residences.

Police say one resident handed over £40.

On Tuesday morning, a police spokesperson said: "A 41-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of fraud by false representation."

"Although he has been released under investigation for those offences, he was wanted on a recall to

prison for breaching the terms of his licence so has been returned to prison."

Insp Gareth Boxall tweeted that 17 offences were being investigated in relation to the arrested man.

During the appeal, Lincolnshire Police released a photofit image of the man they were looking for to assist with their enquiries.

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