

## ***HERITAGE AND ARCHAEOLOGY***

- The development will result in irreversible harm to the 'setting' of local Listed Buildings, especially Grendon Hall and Lawn House (both Grade II listed in 1985)
- Inconceivable that the existing prisons would have been built if the two properties above had been listed prior to the 1950's when HMP Springhill was built
- The proposal would create an unwelcome intrusion in the landscape and would impact on views to and from St Michael's Church and other listed properties in the northern part of Edgcott
- In planning terms: 'Upper spectrum' of harm to the heritage assets due to the scale of the site, height, number of buildings and the urban nature of them plus light and noise pollution
- In new developments the desirability of sustaining and enhancing the significance of heritage assets should be taken into account
- Historic England document "cumulative impacts of incremental changes and further detracting of a setting have to be considered in Planning Matters..." In this case the MoJ have not.
- Loss of green field space in the settings of Grendon Hall and Lawn House including historical 'ridge and furrow', part of the historic Park and Pleasure Gardens of Grendon Hall
- The fences planned will have a considerable and irreversible harmful impact on the setting of the site and hence be a key visual factor
- Many archaeological finds in the area. Neolithic or Bronze Age flint tool found in the grounds of HMP Springhill hence potential for other finds and for past Roman occupation on the prison site due to Roman activity discovered nearby