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FOR THE
ENTION OF

Ribble Valley Borough Council
Development Control
Council Offices Church Walk
Clitheroe
Lancashire
BB7 2RA

Our ref: CE/2011/104929/02-L01
Your ref: 3/2011/0580
Date: 20 December 2011

Dear Sir/Madam

**PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A MICRO HYDRO STATION INCLUDING A
BUILDING TO HOUSE TURBINE TRANSFORMER AND CONTROL EQUIPMENT
ALSO AN ASSOCIATED FISH LADDER
LAND AT HOLE HOUSE FARM, BRIDGE END, BILLINGTON**

I refer to the above application and the additional information submitted to you on 25 November 2011 and 2 December 2011.

We have reviewed the additional information as submitted and **we withdraw our objection** to the proposed development.

The proposal no longer involves any works to raise the weir. We are satisfied that proposed development will not increase flood risk and the Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) now submitted with the application is appropriate to the nature and scale of the proposed development.

The additional information submitted also includes further details relating to the fish pass design and flow rates through the fish pass. We are now satisfied that a fish pass fitting the design criteria laid out in the Fish Pass Manual can be installed on site.

This proposal will require an Abstraction Licence and Flood Defence Consent from us. The final details of the fish pass design will need to be adapted to incorporate advice from the National Fish Pass Panel. All Fish Pass details will need to be finalised before these permits can be issued.

AGENCY INFORMATIVES

Under the terms of the Water Resources Act 1991 and the Land Drainage Byelaws, our prior written consent is required for any proposed works or structures in, under, over or within 8 metres of the top of the bank of the River Calder, which is

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designated as a Main River watercourse. No trees or shrubs may be planted, nor fences, buildings, pipelines or any other structure erected within 8 metres of the top of any bank/retaining wall of the watercourse without our prior consent. Full details of such works, together with details of any proposed new surface water outfalls, which should be constructed entirely within the bank profile, must be submitted to us for consideration.

The Agency has a right of entry to the River Calder by virtue of Section 172 of the Water Resources Act 1991, and a right to carry out maintenance and improvement works by virtue of Section 165 of the same Act. The developer must contact Colin Worswick at 01772 714259 to discuss our access requirements.

Under the terms of the Water Resources Act 1991, an Abstraction Licence will be required from us for the abstraction of water from any inland or underground strata. This is dependent on water resource availability and may not be granted, or may be granted subject to restrictive conditions.

A copy of this letter has been sent to the applicant/agent.

Yours faithfully

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