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FOR THE
ATTENTION OF

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Our ref: PJB/ASP/DM

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F.A.O Claire Booth

Dear Mr Bailey,

PROPOSED: Conversion of barn to dwelling, erection of garage, plant room and creation of driveway and garden. Rakefoot Farm, Thornley Road, Chaigley (3/2011/0674P)

Thank you for your consultation. A building of a similar size and orientation as to that proposed for conversion can be seen on the 1st Edition 1:10560 OS, surveyed in 1844 (Lancashire Sheet 46). The building is therefore considered to be of some historical interest, most likely dating from the first half of the 19th century or earlier, having undergone a number of changes in response to changes in agricultural practices.

The CBAs 'An Archaeological Research Framework for North West England: Volume 2, Research Agenda and Strategy' has indicated that "there is an urgent need for all local authorities to ensure that farm buildings undergoing adaptation are at least considered for recording" (p. 140) so that "a regional database of farm buildings can be derived and variations across the region examined." (ibid.)

Consequently should the Local Planning Authority be minded to grant planning permission to this or any other scheme, Lancashire County Archaeology Service would recommend that an archaeological record of the building be secured by means of the following condition:

No works shall take place on the site until the applicant, or their agent or successors in title, has secured the implementation of a programme of building recording and analysis. This must be carried out in accordance with a written scheme of investigation, which shall first have been submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure and safeguard the recording and inspection of matters of archaeological/historical importance associated with the building.

Such a recommendation is in accordance with the government's stated objectives in PPS5 Policy HE12, to contribute to our knowledge and understanding of our past by ensuring that opportunities are taken to capture evidence from the historic environment and to make this publicly available.

Specifications and a list of professionally qualified archaeological building recorders and organisations that could carry out appropriate archaeological works can be obtained from Lancashire County Archaeology Service

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Please note that due to time constraints that the above comments have been made without the benefit of a site visit. If you have any questions or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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