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Dear Mr Macholc,

PROPOSED: Proposed establishment of new sheep milking dairy and associated cheese processing facility. Laythams Farm, Back Lane, Slaidburn (3/2011/0919)

The 1st Edition OS 1:10560 (Yorkshire Sheet 164), surveyed 1847 clearly shows the line of the Roman road (Margary 7c) from Ribchester to Tebay (Lancashire Historic Environment Record PRN 26148), annotated as two parallel dotted lines, to cross the proposal site. The outfall from the proposed septic tank will also cut across the line of the road.

Consequently there is a potential for the current proposals to encounter the below-ground remains of the road. LCAS would therefore recommend that should the Local Planning Authority be minded to grant planning permission to this or any other scheme, an archaeological watching brief be undertaken during any groundworks, and that such work be secured by means of the following condition:

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 archaeological work. 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 site.

Such a recommendation is in accordance with PPS5 Policy HE12.3 (Where the loss of the whole or a material part of a heritage asset's significance is justified, local planning authorities should require the developer to record and advance understanding of the significance of the heritage asset before it is lost, using planning conditions or obligations as appropriate)

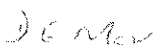
Specifications and a list of professionally qualified building recording consultants and organisations which could carry out the appropriate archaeological works can be obtained from Lancashire County Archaeology Service:

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If you have any questions or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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