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To: Graeme Thorpe

Subject: Old Methodist Chapel, Grindleton (3/2011/0896)

Graeme:

Re: Conversion of existing Chapel and Sunday School building to form 2no. four bedroom dwellings including creation of garden and car parking areas. Old Methodist Chapel, Chapel Lane, Grindleton (3/2011/0896)

The Old Methodist Chapel lies within the Grindleton Conservation Area (a designated heritage asset), and has been identified as a Building of Townscape Merit within the Grindleton Conservation Area Appraisal (2005). Datestones on the building show the Chapel to have been built in 1862, and the attached Sunday School in 1899. The rural areas of Lancashire produced a number of nonconformist sects (including the only one, other than the Plymouth Brethren, to be named after its place of origin, the 'Grindletonians' in the later 17th century), which must reflect the attitude of the population to the 'Establishment' and the State organised religion of the period. In their architectural style and size the chapels often contrast strongly with the surrounding domestic and industrial architectures and therefore form a strong focal point in the historic environment.

The building is considered to be of some local significance, and LCAS would therefore recommend that should the planning authority be minded to grant planning permission to this, or any similar scheme, that the building be recorded prior to its conversion, and that such works are secured by means of the following planning 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 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.

This is in accordance with PPS5, Policy HE12, (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 archaeological organisations that could carry out appropriate archaeological works can be obtained from the Lancashire Archaeology Service

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