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F.A.O David Hewitt

Dear Mr Macholc,

PROPOSED: Hedgerow removal at Cockshotts Farm, Pendleton

I have checked our records and the length of hedgerow proposed for removal is recorded on the 1st Edition Ordnance Survey 1:10560, Lancashire Sheet 55, surveyed 1844-6, forming a boundary between two long narrow fields that run from the track off Whalley Road, the southern-most of which was shortened by the building of the A59.

The Hedgerow Regulations 1997 state that a hedgerow should be considered as 'important' if it has existed for more than 30 years and satisfies at least one of the criteria in Part II of Schedule 1 (Archaeology and History). As there is nothing in the application form to suggest that hedgerow is less than 30 years old, and it is depicted on the 1st Edition OS 1:10560, it is considered to meet criteria 5 (a) of Part II of Schedule 1:

"The hedgerow is recorded in a document held at the relevant date at a Record Office as an integral part of a field system pre-dating the Inclosure Acts".

Consequently the hedgerow should therefore be deemed as 'important' as defined by the Hedgerow Regulations 1997, and should not be removed.

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

Yours sincerely

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Doug Moir
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