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Dear Sir/Madam

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 3/2012/0578 (Devil's Elbow, Land off Whalley Road (A671), Read)

Lancashire County Archaeology Service have studied the above consultation and noted its contents. We have attached our archaeological comments. Please can you confirm that you have received this response.

If you need to discuss this further or require any more information please contact Doug Moir (douglas.moir@lancashire.gov.uk) tel. 01772 531734.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Mr Macholc

PROPOSED: Development of an outdoor adventure centre to include (i) treetop aerial adventure course; (ii) segway course; (iii) barefoot trails; (iv) children's adventure play/trail; and (v) education/interpretation trails. Erection of building to provide ticketing, customer facilities service, toilets, restaurant and café, covered seating areas and ancillary retail sales. Construction of a new access to the A671 with parking for 50 cars (8 disabled spaces), 5 coaches, together with cycle and motorcycle parking and associated roads and landscaping. Devil's Elbow, Land off Whalley Road (A671), Read (3/2012/0578)

The proposed development lies in an area of Ancient & Post-Medieval woodland as characterised in the Lancashire Historic Landscape Characterisation (HLC) programme. Such areas are of recognised historical or archaeological interest and considered to have the potential to contain features such as evidence for coppicing and pollarding, woodland boundaries and occasionally can include parkland wood features.

Such areas in Lancashire have yet to be the subject of any systematic archaeological assessment and the potential of the woodland at Devil's Elbow remains to be quantified. It should however be noted that the woodland lies within the limits of Read Park and a number of boundary stones in the area of Read New Bridge can be seen on the 1st Edition 1:10560 & 1:2500 OS maps of 1848 & 1893 respectively. As these stones lie on the boundary between the parishes of Whalley & Read, the boundary (which runs along the eastern side of the Sabden Brook) may be of some antiquity and could be in the form of a bank.

Any proposed works in this area therefore have the potential to encounter features associated with the Parish or Park boundary, as well as other previously unknown evidence for past woodland/parkland management. Such features would be considered of sufficient local significance as to merit recording and retention within the development.

Consequently should the local planning authority be minded to grant planning permission to this, or any similar scheme, Lancashire County Archaeology Service would recommend that the applicants be required to undertake a programme of assessment and recording and that such work is secured by means of the following condition:

No development 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 importance associated with the site.

This is in accordance with government guidance as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework, para. 141.

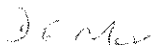
Specifications and a list of professionally qualified archaeological consultants and organisations that could carry out the appropriate archaeological works can be obtained from Lancashire County Archaeology Service

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Please note 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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