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Dear Mr Macholc,

PROPOSED: Application to demolish part of the North Light Building of Stonebridge Mill. Stone Bridge Mill, Preston Road, Longridge (3/2012/0731)

Stone Bridge Mill is a non-designated heritage asset, a mid-19th century Cotton Mill recorded on the County Historic Environment Record PRN 24735, part of which lies within the Longridge Conservation Area, a designated heritage asset. The recent Lancashire Textile Mills Survey, Stage 2 has identified Stone Bridge Mill to be one of the 100 most interesting mill sites still surviving in the County. Although the weaving sheds at Stone Bridge date to the early years of the 20th century, they are a reminder of the last great boom in the cotton industry in Lancashire in the years immediately prior to the First World War, and are an indicator that it is not necessarily the earliest surviving elements of a site that might be of significance or interest.

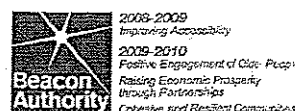
By virtue of its proximity to the boundary of Longridge Conservation Area (i.e. immediately adjacent to it) the current application will therefore have an effect on the setting of the Conservation Area, as well as having a direct impact on an element of the non-designated heritage asset.

Furthermore the Prior Notice Statement (p. 3) states that the current application site has been identified for further development, which can only proceed after approval of the current proposals:

"Long term current schematics identify the whole yard and North light area as staff and visitor parking including a future office and visitor centre facility"

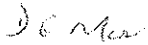
Such development would undoubtedly have further impacts on the setting of the Conservation Area.

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Consequently Lancashire County Archaeology Service would recommend that the applicants be requested to provide further assessment of the impact of the proposals in line with the Council's saved local plan policy ENV16 and consideration be given to whether this requires the submission of a planning application.

Yours sincerely



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