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F.A.O Sarah Westwood

Dear Mr Macholc

PROPOSED: Residential development. Land at Higher Standen Farm and Part Littlemoor Farm, Clitheroe (3/2012/0942)

Geophysical survey of the postulated line of the Roman road has identified that the road survives in the form of both a slight upstanding bank as well as buried below-ground archaeological remains. Previous comments on the proposals have indicated that such well-preserved remains should in the first instance be considered for preservation (as suggested in section 8.7 of the Environmental Statement), in this instance by not developing this part of the site, and LCAS would therefore recommend that the proposed housing for this area (as depicted on the Illustrative Masterplan) be relocated elsewhere within the site (i.e. the area to the rear of Shays Drive).

If such a modification to the proposals were not possible then the complete length of the surviving earthworks associated with the road should be recorded by means of a detailed topographic survey, as well as targeted trial trenching whereby information concerning the width of the road, its method of construction and the presence or absence of roadside ditches is recorded.

Should the above works be required, LCAS would recommend that should the local planning authority be minded to grant planning permission for this, or any similar scheme, they, along with the other mitigation measures outlined in section 8.8 of the Environmental Statement, are undertaken and that such works are secured by means of the following condition:

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.

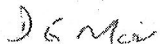
This is in accordance with government guidance as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework, para. 141.

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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