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Dear Mr Macholc,

PROPOSED: Installation of an Endurance E3120 turbine, with a 24.8m hub height and total height of 34.5m to the vertical blade tip, on land owned by the applicant containing no Title Deed restrictions to developments. The Hills Farm, Higher Road, Longridge (3/2012/1021)

Contrary to the statements contained in the Design and Access Statement, the site is one of known archaeological interest. The 1st Edition Ordnance Survey 1:10560 (Lancashire Sheet 54), surveyed 1844 clearly shows the line of the Roman road (Margary 704) from Ribchester to Lancaster (Lancashire Historic Environment Record PRN 26147), annotated as a dotted line, crossing the proposal site. Its depiction by the Ordnance Survey in the field to the south would suggest that the road is c.10m wide. The line of the road could still be clearly discerned some 50 years when the 1st Edition OS 1:2500 was compiled (Lancashire Sheet 54.05, surveyed 1892).

The Design and Access Statement shows that the proposed cable route from the turbine to an existing transformer will cross the line of the road. Mention is also made (p. 9) that a "new farm track (425m²) will be constructed from the farmstead to the turbine site". Although this is not shown on the plans and no details as to its construction have been supplied, it would be anticipated that if it were to run in a east to west direction from the farm it too might cross the line of the road.

Consequently there is a potential for the current proposals to encounter the below-ground remains of the road. LCAS would therefore recommend that should the Local Planning Authority be minded to grant planning permission to this or any other scheme, an archaeological watching brief be undertaken during any groundworks, and that such work be secured by means of the following 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 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/historical importance associated with the site.

Such a recommendation is in accordance with PPS5 Policy HE12.3 (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)

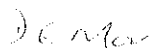
Specifications and a list of professionally qualified archaeological consultants and organisations which could carry out the appropriate archaeological works can be obtained from Lancashire County Archaeology Service:

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

Yours sincerely



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