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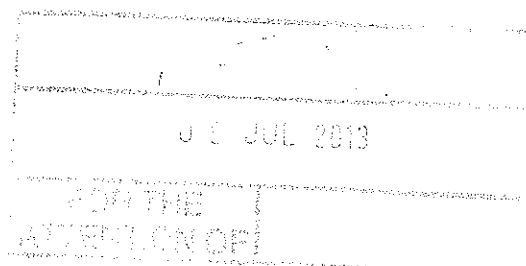
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Ribble Valley Borough Council
Development Control
Council Offices
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Application 3/2013/0550 – demolition of Rabeck House, Sawley and the construction of 3 detached dwellings.

Appropriate pollution prevention measures need to be in place during site construction to prevent any pollution incidents arising from sediment and or fuel oil entering the watercourse. As the proposed development site slopes towards the River Ribble then it is assumed that this development with contain some form of SUD to take into account the surface water drainage from the site.

The Ribble Rivers Trust Invasive Species Project has recorded Himalayan Balsam around the river banking. Any construction works have the potential to spread Himalayan balsam seeds, around the site and off site. The Ribble Rivers Trust can provide free advice and some practical help in the control of invasive species.

There is no ecological report attached to the application – only a tree survey?

Otters have recently been photographed by the Trust on the opposite bank (approximately 20 metres from the proposed development site).

The Rivers Trust Salmon Tracking studies have shown that this is an important area used by salmon. Any site works near to this location are likely to cause disturbance. Light pollution from dwellings in this location are likely to have an impact on the river and the riparian habitat so appropriate measures should be included to ensure no impact on the river or riparian habitat (these could include screening, and riparian habitat improvements for mitigation).

Yours sincerely

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To secure the conservation, protection, rehabilitation and improvement of our rivers, streams, watercourses, water environments, bank sides, tributaries and estuaries in particular of the river Ribble, Calder and Hodder for the benefit of the public.

The Ribble Rivers Trust is the trading name of the Ribble Catchment Conservation Trust Limited