



ENGLISH HERITAGE

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FOR THE
ATTENTION OF

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Dear Mr Kilmartin

**Notifications under Circular 01/2001, Circular 08/2009 &
T&CP (Development Management Procedure) Order 2010
SAWLEY LODGE, SAWLEY, LANCASHIRE, BB7 4LF
Application No 3/2013/0854**

Thank you for your letter of 4 December 2013 notifying us of the application for planning permission relating to the above site. We do not wish to comment in detail, but offer the following general observations.

English Heritage Advice

The now ruined Sawley Abbey was founded in 1147 by William de Percy and dedicated to St Mary and St Andrew. It was of the Cistercian order and was originally built in a woodland clearing beside the River Ribble. The abbey was suppressed in 1536 following the dissolution of the monasteries. The remains of the abbey and the area of surviving earthworks within the abbey precinct are scheduled and the standing structures are also grade I listed. This makes the site one of the most important heritage assets nationally and of international importance.

From the information provided it is unlikely that the proposal would affect the setting of the grade I listed Sawley Abbey. However, as the local planning authority you might wish to ask the applicant to produce a photomontage from the abbey (for example from the Presbytery) to assess the visual impact that the development will have on this internationally important heritage site.

Recommendation

We would urge you to address the above issues, and recommend that the application should be determined in accordance with national and local policy guidance, and on the basis of your specialist conservation advice. It is not necessary for us to be consulted again. However, if you would like further advice, please contact us to explain your request.



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Yours sincerely

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