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DESK STUDY

LAND CONTAMINATION ASSESSMENT

AT

FAR LATHE BARN

HILL HOUSE FARM

GRINDLETON

SITE DESCRIPTION

Far Lathe is an outlaying barn located 400m north west of Hill house Farm, at the south east corner of a field of permanent pasture, and next to a small water course with a landscape type described by Lancashire County Council a "undulating lowland farm land", with wood brook.

A paddock enclosed by two dry stone walls and a post and wire fence lies on the north east side of the building.

HISTORICAL BACK GROUND

As part of a "Desk Study" from historical maps at Clitheroe Library were consulted, through it should be noted that this did not constitute exhaustive research into the site

See map extracts	Map 1	(1847)
	Map 2	(1886)
	Map 3	(1909)

The maps show that the site has undergone little change over at least the last 170 years other than the dry stone wall forming the paddock except the earlier map of 1847 when there is no indication of a wall. The later maps 1886 and 1909 show the walls.

The land around the application site is permanent pasture land supporting cattle and sheep.

The barn and land has been in the applicants ownership for 19 years and ceased to be a shippon at least the same, in recent times the barn has been abandoned other than used as a sheep shelter.

SUMMARY

As mentioned in the design and access statement and covered by Stephen Haigh (Building Archaeologist) statement. The site has been used wholly for agricultural purposes.

Having carried out a thorough visual inspection of the building and paddock and local land surrounding the application site, there is no evidence of tanks, drums, or evidence that the ground surface is stained through leakage etc.,

There is no evidence the paddock has been used as a farm yard of interceptors to catch sediments such as oil or deleterious water waste etc., (which are common in farm yards)

Relating to the agricultural land, there is no "Dig Back" etc.

In summary considering the relatively small size of the application site and lack of evidence of contamination can confirm the site presents no environmental risk.





