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Dear Mr Macholc

PROPOSED: Demolition of industrial storage buildings to the rear of 19-21 King Street and regeneration of the site to provide 3no. two storey dwellings – (one detached and one pair of semi-detached). 19-21 King Street, Whalley (3/2015/0462)

The place 'Whalley' is first mentioned in the late 8th century, and the present Church (Lancashire Historic Environment Record PRN 724) is thought to have been built on the site of an earlier 8th century church. Documentary evidence suggests that Whalley developed organically in the medieval period both to the west of the Church and on either side of King Street in orderly, but not regular plots (Lancashire Extensive Urban Survey: Whalley, Lancashire County Council, 2006). There is therefore a potential for the proposals to encounter archaeological deposits associated with settlement of the medieval and/or Post-medieval periods.

There is therefore a potential for the proposals to encounter archaeological deposits associated with the development of the site, and to the particular use of the precinct in this area. LCAS would therefore recommend that the applicants be required to undertake an archaeological watching brief, and that such work be secured by means of the following condition, which should be attached to any planning permission which may be granted;

Condition: No development shall take place until the applicant, or their agent or successors in title, has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted by the applicant and approved by the Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure and safeguard the recording of any archaeological deposits

This is in accordance with NPPF para.141: Local planning authorities should ... require developers to record and advance understanding of the significance of any heritage assets to be lost (wholly or in part) in a manner proportionate to their importance and the impact, and to make this evidence (and any archive generated) publicly accessible, and Adopted Core Strategy Policy DME4.

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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