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**FAO Colin Sharpe**

Dear Mr Macholc

**Planning application 3/2015/0784: Prior notification of proposed change of use from barn to dwelling house and associated operational development; Barn Kiln Lane Paythorne BB7 4JD**

Lancashire County Archaeology Service has looked at the documents available for the application above and note that comments were sent on 15 January 2002 to a consultation for conversion of the barn (3/02/0047/P). We stated that the early plan shows a substantial building to the north of the barn building, suggesting that this is perhaps the relic of a farmstead, the remainder of which has been demolished, perhaps in response to changing landholding patterns and farming economics and is therefore considered as being of historical interest. The proposed conversion will have a significant impact on the historic character and appearance of the barn, and may result in the loss of some historic fabric.

Should the Local Planning Authority be minded to grant planning permission to this or any other scheme, Lancashire County Archaeology Service would make the same recommendation as before, that an archaeological record of the barn be made prior to conversion works commencing. We would recommend that an appropriate planning condition be attached to any planning permission which may be granted. The following wording is suggested:

**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 building recording and analysis. 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 buildings/site.**

This is in accordance with government guidance as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework, 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"*

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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