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Dear Mr Macholc,

Planning Applications 3/2016/0932 and 0940: proposed garden room extension to south west gable of existing Friends Meeting House Caretaker's Cottage, linked to existing dining room; Friends Cottage, Sawley Road, Grindleton BB7 4RS

The above planning application does not come with a Heritage Statement, although one is noted in the Design and Access Statement. The proposed garden room will be bigger than, but of a similar appearance, to the existing summer house and will effectively replace that structure. It is to be linked into the later extension to the Caretaker's Cottage (erected 1907-8, J Martin Seddon: Heritage Assessment with application 3/2016/0931, p.3)

We would raise no objection to the proposal, but would note that the lawn area to the front of the meeting house is said to have been used for burials. There is, therefore, the slight possibility of burials or disarticulated human remains being encountered during excavations for the proposed extension. Should any be encountered, then a Home Office licence will be necessary for their recovery and they should be left in situ until one is obtained (they can usually be obtained very speedily). No archaeological recording would be considered necessary unless the discovery is of a significant quantity of bones (10+) or an intact burial is encountered. Mr Ivan Wilson, the architect, is aware of this process and should be able to help and advise the applicants, or they can contact us for further details.

It is hoped that the above is self-explanatory, but please do not hesitate to contact us should you wish to discuss the matter further.

Yours sincerely

Peter Iles