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Dear Mr Macholc,

Planning Application 3/2016/0959: Conversion and alterations to barn to form one dwelling; Cowley Brook Farm, Higher Road, Longridge PR3 2YX

The above application is for the same site considered in applications 14/0588 and 15/0016. In both cases it was noted by the County Archaeology Service that the site is of some historical interest, having been extant since at least 1838 and likely to retain information on earlier agricultural practices.

Should the Local Planning Authority be minded to grant planning permission to this or any other scheme we 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 development shall take place until the applicant, or their agent or successors in title, has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological 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 site.

Note: The programme of works should include the creation of a formal record of the building to level 2-3 as set out in "*Recording Historic Buildings*" (Historic England 2016). This work shall be carried out by an appropriately qualified and experienced professional archaeological contractor to the standards and guidance of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA, see www.archaeologists.net).

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