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Dear Mr Macholc,

Planning Application 3/2017/0079: Proposed structural works to west facing gable end of building to include lateral restraint and associated remedial building works; Hark to Bounty Inn, Townend, Slaidburn BB7 3EP

Thank you for consulting on the above planning application. The photographs in the Heritage Statement show that the gable wall is un-rendered and reasonably open to view, with no obvious evidence of blocked openings, building lines, etc. that might be affected by the proposals. In contrast the adjacent side walls are heavily 'slobbered' with mortar and it is thus possible that there are hidden features within those walls in addition to the blocked openings, alterations, etc. that are presently visible.

As long as the repair work is limited to the gable wall itself, we would have no objection to the scheme in principal, but would note that there are no detail drawings provided, particularly for the existing and proposed opening, quoins and eaves.

If the proposal is to rebuild like for like, retaining all quoins, window surrounds, etc. then this needs to be stated specifically in the application and a note made in the methodology to indicate that such stones will be numbered/recorded, set aside safely and replaced in their original positions.

If the above can be achieved to the satisfaction of the Conservation Officer, we would see no need for archaeological recording of this part of the structure prior to the works commencing.

Yours sincerely

Peter Iles