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Dear Mr Macholc,

Planning Applications 3/2017/Landscaping works to rear and side of the Old Mill to create a garden/courtyard, to include both hard and soft landscaping works. Stonyhurst College, Avenue Road, Hurst Green BB7 9PZ

Thank you for your consultation on the above planning applications. The application impacts an area which was probably always somewhat neglected and 'industrial' in character. Mapping in the Historic Building Survey Report for the Old Mill (Oxford Archaeology North, January 2017) does not indicate the presence of any significant early features in the application area, with the exception of the former tailrace to the watermill, which is noted on the OS 1:10,560 map of 1847 (sheet Lancashire 54) running south from the rear of the wheelhouse but which was culverted or infilled at some point before 1894 (OS 1:2,500 mapping sheet Lancashire 54.04). This tailrace may also have been utilised by the earlier watermill, located between the present mill buildings and The Canals, but it is unlikely to have been a built structure of any high architectural significance and its archaeological value is also limited.

Whilst it would have been pleasant to see the line of the race commemorated in the landscaping, we can appreciate that this may have been difficult to achieve. We would have no objection to the proposals set out in the application and, as the line of the former race is not excessively impacted by the proposed works, would not consider that any formal archaeological works are required.

Yours sincerely

Peter Iles