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Dear Mr Macholc,

Planning Application 3/2018/0467: Demolition of existing house with some existing outbuildings, construction of replacement dwelling and revised access off Hothersall Lane. The Woodlands, Hothersall Lane, Hothersall PR3 2XB

A building named as 'The Woodlands' is shown on the OS 1:10,560 mapping of 1847 (sheet Lancashire 54, surveyed 1844) but appears different to the present structure and seems to have been rebuilt on the present plan by the time of the 1893 1:2,500 map (sheet Lancashire 54.13, surveyed 1892). On the earlier map the access from Hothersall Lane seems to be from a point opposite the drive to Stubbin's Farm, but by 1893 the entrance proposed for use with the new house is utilised.

The section of Hothersall Lane here is considered to form part of the Roman road route from Ribchester to Kirkham (HER PRN15519). The Roman route is said to closely follow the lane from Hothersall Lodge to the drive to Stubbin's Farm (Graystone P 1996 *Walking Roman Roads in the Fylde and the Ribble Valley*, pp.55-56), turning southwest at the western end of the development plot and with the latter driveway built on top of the Roman road embankment. It is possible that some remains of this road may exist within the development plot where the lane curves away slightly from a straight alignment west of the proposed new entrance, but this area does not appear to be threatened by the proposed development works.

We would not object to the demolition of the present building, nor do we consider that it merits building recording (although you may wish to check with your Conservation Officer).

We also note the comments made by the Parish Council and the reference made there to the 'Burial Chambers'. We are unaware of these features and have emailed the Parish to ask for further details, in case there is some impact there.

We hope the above is of use to you. Should you wish for further comment or information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Peter Iles