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Dear Mr Macholc,

Planning Application 3/2018/0568: Repair gable end which is cracking and bulging. Yew Tree Cottage, Hellifield Road, Bolton by Bowland BB7 4NS

Thank you for your consultation on the above application. The building in question is Listed Gd II and included in the Lancashire Historic Environment Record as PRN17660. The former Lancashire County Archaeology Service recommended that a building record was created prior to its refurbishment and provided a brief for the necessary work (planning application 3/02/07432P), but an acceptable record does not seem to have ever been produced. Combined with the lack of information in this application, it makes commenting difficult.

There is no plan showing the wall to be rebuilt, nor is there an elevation drawing showing the extent of bulging, cracking or the rebuilding required. The photographs included do not adequately illustrate the cracking or bulging nor do they provide any evidence for stones having fallen from the wall as stated. The Heritage Statement setting out the impact of the works on the significance of the building is also missing. It does not appear that it is possible for an informed decision to be made and so we can only recommend that further information is sought from the applicant. If they are unable or unwilling to provide supporting evidence it lies open to the council to refuse consent.

Please note that the above comments have been made without the benefit of a site visit.

Yours sincerely

Peter Iles