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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 the emails with photographs from Mr Lawson showing the gable end of Yew Tree Cottage. Whilst I still struggle to see the extent of the bulging and cracking, I am reassured this independent assessment that the work is necessary and very urgent.

The photographs seem to show that there are no extant or blocked windows or other architectural details (beyond the chimney itself) on this gable end and thus the dismantling and rebuilding of the wall should have only very limited impact on the historical significance of the building. As such no building recording or archaeological condition appears to be necessary.

From the spalling and stone erosion present I would presume that the problem has been made worse by the use of cement mortar pointing/slobbering, and would suggest that rebuilding should consider using an appropriate lime mortar mix, and that the other elevations should be inspected for this issue.

Yours sincerely

Peter Iles