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Dear Mr Macholc

Planning Application 3/2019/0331: Creation of a new off-road, multi-use link between the villages of Downham and Chatburn. The one kilometre connection would accommodate walkers, cyclists, horse-riders and those with mobility issues including chair users. Resubmission of planning application 3/2018/0754. Chatburn Road, Clitheroe BB7 4BJ

The above application is, as noted, a resubmission of the withdrawn 3/2018/0754 for which archaeological comments were provided by the Lancashire Archaeological Advisory Service (LAAS). As a response to their initial comments an archaeological survey was commissioned and a meeting held to discuss the results and proposed construction methodology, to minimise the archaeological impact and thus preserve as much of the identified remains in situ.

LAAS responded again following that work (although the application had by that time been withdrawn) stating that it was concluded that:

"... the only feature which is both important and appears to be at significant risk of disturbance by the revised works is the line of the Roman road as it is crossed by the north-eastern end of the bridleway. This may be impacted by the proposed bridleway and an agricultural access required across it..."

and

"... the only mitigation that will be required ... will be a formal archaeological watching brief during groundworks within the field crossed by the Roman road. This will need to include agreeing the exact location of the posts for the new access (above), once the road remains have been exposed."

We do not raise any objections to the proposed works, but recommend the following wording for a planning condition:

Condition: No development, site clearance/preparation, or demolition shall commence until the applicant or their agent or successors in title has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme of works, which shall be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the local planning authority. The programme of works shall include

- (i) A formal archaeological watching brief during the groundworks required in the field crossed by the Roman road;
- (ii) Agreement of the location of the location of any new posts required for the hurdle closures to the agricultural crossing of the new link within the field; and
- (iii) The production and submission of a report on the work undertaken and the results obtained.

All archaeological works shall be undertaken by an appropriately qualified and experienced professional archaeological contractor and comply with the standards and guidance set out by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA). The development shall be carried out in accordance with the agreed details.

Reason: To ensure and safeguard the investigation and recording of matters of archaeological/historical importance associated with the development.

Note: Relevant archaeological standards and a list of registered contractors can be found on the CIfA web pages: <http://www.archaeologists.net>. Contact details for other non-registered contractors can be found on the BAJR web site: <http://www.bajr.org>.

This is in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework (MoHCLG 2018) paragraph 199: "*Local planning authorities should require developers to record and advance understanding of the significance of any heritage assets to be lost (wholly or in part) in a manner proportionate to their importance and the impact, and to make this evidence (and any archive generated) publicly accessible*".

Yours sincerely

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