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Dear Mr Macholc

Planning Application 3/2019/0439: Prior notification of the construction of a new forestry access track, Land off Easington Road, Cow Ark BB7 3DH

The above application can be considered in two separate parts. The construction of the new access track running south east from the Easington Road does not appear to create any difficulties, there being no recorded sites or monuments along the line, or indeed in the woodland which is will access (although woodland is notorious for concealing archaeological sites and monuments and there may be unknown and unrecorded sites within this area).

The segment which runs north west from Easington Road towards the forestry plantation boundary is potentially more problematic. There are no known sites or monuments recorded in the field crossed by the road but immediately inside the boundary of the plantation is a length of the Roman Road which ran between forts at Ribchester and Tebay which is protected as a Scheduled Monument..

The construction of this access track will not affect the monument but any extension to access the plantations will cross the end of the monument and this will require Scheduled Monument Consent from the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport who are advised on such application by Historic England.

Alternatively, the north eastern edge of the Scheduled area ends about 20 metres south west of the northern corner of the field in which the track is proposed. The monument edge runs SE – NW approximately parallel to the north eastern field boundary and so the road could be aimed to create a route through this gap. Such a route would still cross the Roman Road line when extraction work begins however and measures should be taken to avoid damage at that time.

I would advise the applicant to consult Historic England to discuss the proposed access track route and any further work proposed in the forestry plantations enabled by this

road. The HE regional office for the North West is at 3rd Floor Canada House, 3
Chepstow Street, Manchester. M1 5FW. Telephone 0161 242 416.

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Yours sincerely

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