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Dear Mr Macholc

Planning Application: 3/2019/0629

**One new dwelling (with room in roofspace) and detached garage. Increase in residential curtilage.
20 Abbeyfields, Whalley**

The proposed dwelling is located site immediately inside the line of a large ditch noted on a 1762 estate map as '*Canals*'. It appears as '*Remains of Trench*' and '*Earthworks*' on OS mid-19th to early 20th century mapping and it is generally held to be part of the boundaries delineating the former monastic fields, on the basis of a single sherd of medieval pottery found during excavations in 1986 below Whalley Viaduct, c. 100 to the south-west of the site (Lancashire Historic Environment Record PRN 15145), although other theories (including a Roman origin) have been put forward. An excavation for foundations at 36 Abbey Field undertaken in 2004 (PRN 25432) was observed archaeologically, but the water inflow and unstable sides of the trenches meant that no satisfactory record could be created.

There is therefore a potential for buried archaeological deposits associated with occupation of the medieval period to be encountered by the development

Previous advice to the Council concerning the proposed development has been that its impact could be mitigated by means of an "archaeological watching brief" on all ground disturbance.

I advise that such works are therefore secured by means of the following 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 investigation, which shall be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the local planning authority. The programme of work shall include a formal archaeological watching brief during the excavation of all foundations and footings for the new development, as well as the

compilation 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>.

Yours sincerely

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