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**Subject:** RE: Scoping requests 3/2019/0977 and 0981

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John,

Apologies for not replying to you directly but I'd been asked to pass on my comments for inclusion in a County Council Planning response, but this was only sent out to Lancaster City Council, as they were the only LPA to contact the County, something I wasn't aware of. Consequently no response has been sent to Ribble Valley. The comments I made are however attached below:

The Screening Report states that the proposed Environmental Statement will contain a chapter on Cultural Heritage, and some baseline data has been acquired from the Lancashire Historic Environment Record in the compilation of the Screening Report. The need for further Desk-Based Assessment (enhanced by means of a walkover survey of those parts where groundworks will be required) is one that has already been agreed in discussions with the Historic Environment Team earlier in 2019. The proposed methodology, whereby each stage of archaeological work (desk-based assessment, geophysical survey, intrusive archaeological evaluation) is intended to inform the next is one that the HET would endorse but there are some areas where the methodology is considered lacking:

Paragraph 400) is a bit light on the extent of the background research to be undertaken. To all extents and purposes the work proposed has already been undertaken, bar the walkover survey, for the production of the Scoping Report. The Design Manual for Roads and Bridges, Sustainability & Environment Appraisal, LA106 Cultural Heritage Assessment, suggests a number of other sources that might be consulted:

"3.9.1 In addition to national registers and local cultural heritage records, historical maps and aerial photographs, relevant books, journals, previous reports, LiDAR and geotechnical data may be consulted."

Without the consultation of the sources mentioned above, the desk-based assessment will merely be a rehash of the information held in the Historic Environment Record and will prove to have no added value in assessing the potential adverse impacts of the proposed development. A statement to the effect that the above sources will be consulted, or a reference to this part of the Manual being followed, is therefore considered necessary.

In addition we would wish to see it stated that:

Project Designs/Written Schemes of Investigation will be prepared, and agreed with the local authority archaeological advisors, for each phase of works,  
Draft reports for each phase of work will be submitted to the local authority advisors for comment.

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I am still waiting for your comments and as I have to determine the applications this week I would value your response this week.

John

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