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Dear Mr Macholc,

Planning Application: 3/2020/0275

Improved treatment including construction of rapid gravity filters and associated building, security fencing together with re-profiling of agricultural land using surplus soil.

United Utilities Hodder Works, Catlow Road, Slaidburn

The area marked as 'to be reprofiled' (Drawing number 80040117-01-MMB-97-DR-1-00001, revision P03 dated 05/03/2020) contains the surviving earthwork remains of a number of banks and ditches and post-medieval ridge and furrow, which are recorded as non-designated heritage assets on the Lancashire Historic Environment Record, PRNs 12994 and PRN 12993 respectively.

These features were recorded in North West Water's 1997 Forest of Bowland Estate Archaeological Survey, sites 248 & 249, where they were graded at level 3 – "Archaeological and historical sites and features of local significance."

Section 4.12 of the Planning Statement (Cultural Heritage and Archaeology) makes no mention of the Survey or the identified archaeological sites of local significance, simply concentrating of the potential impact of the proposed development on designated heritage assets such as Scheduled Monuments or Listed Buildings.

Although the proposed works are for the site to be levelled up, a temporary road is to be constructed through the site, which may cause permanent damage to the earthworks. I therefore advise that a drawn record be made of the earthworks that lie within the redline boundary depicted on drawing number 80040117-01-MMB-97-DR-1-00001, revision P03 dated 05/03/2020, prior to their damage or burial, and that such works are secured by means of the following condition:

Condition: No development shall take place until the applicant, or their agent or successors in title, has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work. This must be carried out in accordance with a written scheme of investigation, which shall first have been submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

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

Note: The programme of archaeological work should be carried out by an appropriately qualified and experienced professional archaeological contractor to the standards and guidance set out by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists.

Lists of suitable contractors are available on the following websites:

Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIFA) <http://www.archaeologists.net/>
British Archaeological Jobs and Resources (BAJR) <http://www.bajr.org/>

This is in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework 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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