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Dear Mr Macholc

**Planning Application 3/2020/0462: Change of use of land to public car park.
Megitta House, Kenyon Lane, Langho BB6 8AN**

Whilst we are aware that the above application has been refused, we wished it to be noted that the site of the proposed development is a section of the line of the Roman road from Ribchester to Elslack. This section is noted in the Lancashire Historic Environment Record (PRN31254) as particularly well-preserved, with an intact cobbled surface having been found just under the turf of this field, which had apparently never been ploughed. The proposed development would have a negative impact on these remains, which are considered to be of national importance and worthy of preservation in situ, and would therefore either need to be refused or located away from the remains. Any further application which impacted the Roman road line here would also attract a recommendation for refusal on heritage grounds.

Yours sincerely

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