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F.A.O Laura Eastwood

Dear Mr Macholc,

Planning Application: 3/2020/1050

Request for EIA screening opinion relating to construction of a 9.5 km water main and associated temporary works between Broughton Water Treatment Works, N of Preston and White Bull Water Treatment Works, NE of Grimsargh.

On the basis of the information currently available on the Lancashire Historic Environment Record, the proposed development does not impact any known significant sites of archaeological/historical interest, nor is it considered to have a high potential to encounter any such previously unknown assets. It is however apparent that a number of non-designated heritage assets will be impacted, to an as yet unknown or unspecified degree, and that mitigation of those impacts will be required.

The proposals are therefore not considered to have a significant adverse impact on the historic environment, but rather one that could be adequately mitigated through re-design and where necessary archaeological investigation and recording, and other reinstatement measures.

United Utilities' request for screening opinion has seen some consultation of the Lancashire Historic Environment Record, and does commit to further consultation with the Historic Environment Team (HET) with regards to the nature of any further assessment of the development, any mitigation measures to be implemented, and the commissioning of a specialist archaeological contractor to carry out any works that the HET consider necessary.

Consequently we have already been informed by UU that they have appointed Wardell Armstrong Archaeology to undertake an Archaeological Desk Based Assessment of the proposals, which will be submitted to the HET for comment.

Yours sincerely

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