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Dear Mr Macholc

Re: 3/2021/0119 - EIA scoping request for the installation of tunnelled pipework at the Bowland Section of the Haweswater Aqueduct and associated works.

Thank you for your letter of 8th of February consulting us about the above Scoping Opinion Request.

This development could, potentially, have an impact upon a number of designated heritage assets and their settings in the area around the sites. In line with the advice in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), we would expect the Environmental Statement to contain a thorough assessment of the likely effects which the proposed development might have upon those elements which contribute to the significance of these assets.

In addition to designated heritage assets we would expect the Environmental Statement to also consider the potential impacts on non-designated features of historic, architectural, archaeological or artistic interest, since these can also be of national importance and make an important contribution to the character and local distinctiveness of an area and its sense of place. This information is available via the local authority Historic Environment Record (www.heritagegateway.org.uk) and relevant local authority staff.

We commend the applicant's engagement with the local authorities at an early stage and for taking into account some of the comments raised by the Conservation Officers and archaeological staff. We recommend that these officers continue to be involved in the development of the Environmental Statement as they are best placed to advise on: local historic environment issues and priorities; how the proposal can be tailored to avoid and minimise potential adverse impacts on the historic environment; the nature and design of any required mitigation measures; and opportunities for securing wider benefits for the future conservation and management of heritage assets.



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It is important that the assessment is designed to ensure that all impacts are fully understood. Section drawings and techniques such as photomontages are a useful part of this.

The assessment should also take account of the potential impact which associated activities (such as construction, servicing and maintenance, and associated traffic) might have upon perceptions, understanding and appreciation of the heritage assets in the area. The assessment should also consider, where appropriate, the likelihood of alterations to drainage patterns that might lead to *in situ* decomposition or destruction of below ground archaeological remains and deposits, and can also lead to subsidence of buildings and monuments.

If you have any queries about any of the above, or would like to discuss anything further, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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