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Dear Mr Dowd

**T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
& Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990**

**ATRIUM CAFE CLITHEROE CASTLE CASTLE GATE CLITHEROE BB7 1BA
Application No. 3/2021/0493**

Thank you for your letter of 26 May 2021 regarding the above application for planning permission. On the basis of the information available to date, we offer the following advice to assist your authority in determining the application.

Historic England Advice

Clitheroe Castle was founded in the late 11th century, and was only abandoned as a fortification after the Civil War. The keep and elements of the curtain wall survive, as well as a range of mainly 19th century buildings which relate to its later role as an administrative centre for the Ribble Valley. Its significance, as a rare surviving example of a medieval enclosure castle, is recognised by its scheduling as an ancient monument (National Heritage List for England entry number 1016196), whilst most of the later buildings occupying the site are listed.

The proposal to replace an existing access ramp would, in the opinion of Historic England, have no impact on the significance of the Castle. It would be clearly a modern intervention, with any visual impact on the setting of the designated heritage assets on the site offset by the public benefit of providing visitor access. Historic England therefore has no objection to the granting of planning permission for the proposal.

The proposed replacement ramp is sited within the boundary of the scheduled monument. However, all modern path surfaces are specifically excluded from the scheduling; as the ramp is proposed to sit upon the surface, Scheduled Monument Consent will not be required in advance of its construction.



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Recommendation

Historic England has no objection to the application on heritage grounds.

Your authority should take these representations into account in determining the application. If there are any material changes to the proposals, or you would like further advice, please contact us. Please advise us of the decision in due course.

Yours sincerely

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