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F.A.O. Adrian Dowd

Dear Mr Macholc,

Planning Application: 3/2021/0532

**Proposed tennis court within the residential curtilage of Coppy House.
Coppy House, Mill Lane, Gisburn**

The proposed tennis court lies with the former limits of an early 18th century formal garden and deer park associated with Gisburne Hall, a non-designated heritage asset, recorded on the Lancashire Historic Environment Record, PRN37137.

The 1st Edition 1:10560 Ordnance Survey (Yorkshire Sheet 166, surveyed 1849-50) shows the proposed area for the tennis court crossed by 'paling'. On other deer parks in Bowland this is thought to have taken the form of both a closed and open timber fence, and by the 19th century may have also incorporated the use of iron, set atop a bank, which was accompanied by a corresponding ditch.

There is a potential that ground preparation works for the tennis court may encounter evidence for this former deer park boundary feature.

Consequently, should the Local Planning Authority be minded to grant planning permission to this, or any similar scheme, the Historic Environment Team would advise that an archaeological watching brief be maintained during groundworks and that such work is 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 include a formal watching brief, followed by such subsequent work as required to investigate and record any remains encountered. This 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

The standards and guidance of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists and their 'Registered Organisations' lists of potential contractors can be found on their web site at www.archaeologists.net. Contact details for other non-registered contractors can be found on the BAJR web site: <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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