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Dear Ms Hopkins

Application no. 3/2023/0246. Demolition of derelict chicken sheds and erection of two self build family eco homes. Land adjacent to Southport House, Hollins Syke, Sawley.

Thank you for your consultation on this application.

The Archaeological Desk Based Assessment (DBA) submitted with the application indicates that the area of the application lies outside the outer precinct wall of the medieval abbey and lies in an area that has been extensively cultivated for many years, resulting in any upstanding earthworks that may have existed being "ploughed flat". Additionally, the construction of the former agricultural buildings is likely to have further disturbed the area. The DBA concludes that there is very low likelihood of there being any significant surviving archaeological deposits below the site (if indeed any such were ever present) and that an archaeological response in the form of further fieldwork is unnecessary.

We would agree with this assessment and consider no further archaeological work is required on the site.

If there are any further queries on this, please get in touch with us again.

Peter McCrone

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