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Ribble Valley Borough Council Your ref: 23/0496

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Church Walk
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F.A.O. Lucy Walker

Dear Ms Hopkins

Planning Application: 3/2023/0496

Proposed single storey extension to side, alterations to fenestration, new detached garage subsequent to demolition of existing lean-to extension and detached garages. Resubmission of 3/2022/0220.

Moor Hey House, Stoneygate Lane, Ribchester

The Roman road from Ribchester to Tebay (Margary 7c) is recorded on the Lancashire Historic Environment Record, PRN26148, as clipping the north-eastern corner of the site. The 1st Edition 1:2500 Ordnance Survey (Lancashire Sheet 54.06.surveyed 1892) does however show the road visible as an upstanding earthwork until it reaches the eastern boundary of the site, before re-appearing on the other side of the road depicted only as a suggested line.

This indicates that the line of the road as it passes through the site, for all of about 8m in total length, no longer survived as an earthwork but had already been damaged or destroyed by ploughing.

Consequently as the proposals are only likely to affect a poorly-preserved and short stretch of the former Roman road, I do not consider that is would be reasonable or necessary for any archaeological investigation of it to be required in this particular location. The HET therefore has no further comment to make on the proposed development

Yours sincerely

Doug Moir

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