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Dear Ms Cullen

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

**PUBLIC PLAY AREA, EDISFORD PARK, PIG HILL, CLITHEROE, BB7 3LJ
Application No. 3/2025/0996**

Thank you for your letter of 25 March 2026 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

The application is for the supply and installation of play equipment, forming a new play area, with the installation of associated surfacing. The highest multiplay unit would be just over 7 metres in height, with the remainder of the equipment not exceeding 4 metres.

The proposed play area is located close to Eadsford or Edisford Bridge, a four-arched stone bridge of medieval origins which carries the B6243 over the River Ribble. Its significance as an example of medieval transport infrastructure is recognised by its scheduling as an ancient monument (National Heritage List for England entry number 1005118). On the far side of the B6243 from the site of the proposed play area is Thistle Manor (also known as Roefield), an 18th century building with 19th century modifications which is listed in Grade II (NHLE entry number 1072384).

The site of the proposed play area lies below the level of the road and the scheduled bridge. The area is already used for play and for public recreation, and trees and planting provide an element of screening. In the opinion of Historic England, creating a more formal play area in this location would have minimal impact on the setting of the scheduled bridge, or on views from it. Views from the site of the proposed play area towards Thistle Manor are almost entirely screened by trees and other planting, and there should be no impact at all on the setting of the Grade II listed building.



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Given the minimal impact of the proposals on the setting of the scheduled bridge, Historic England has no objection to the application.

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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