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Dear Mr Macholc,

**Planning Application 3/2018/0156: Application for retention of unauthorised field access track and widening and deepening of access (Resubmission of 3/2016/0531). Land adjacent to Settle Road, Newsholme BB7 4JF**

No heritage statement or similar has been submitted with the application, but the Design and Access Statement accompanying it (DAS, anon, nd) states that:

*"... Upon further archaeological investigations conducted by a third party, it has become apparent that a historical track used to run adjacent to the applicant's proposed track. ..."*

It is possible that this is an unacknowledged reference to the LAAS response to the earlier application, dated 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016. In that earlier response we raised no objection in principal to the retention of the track, but noted that there were a number of designated and undesignated heritage assets within this landholding or immediately adjacent to it. We attach a copy of the original letter and the Historic Environment Record extract provided at the time.

We would again like to make the applicant aware of the archaeological interest in the earthworks across this block of fields and to note that some of these, the hollow ways and potential settlement site in particular, could well be of medieval origin and of regional or national importance. It is also possible that a number of small circular features noted along the top of the first terrace could (it should be stressed this is only a possibility) be of prehistoric origin and associated with the nearby Little Painley Barrow. We would prefer to see these earthworks retained as far as is possible and would like to be consulted should any potentially damaging works (ploughing, drainage, levelling, etc.) be being considered.

Yours sincerely

*Peter Iles*