Additional Statement in Support of Proposed New Driveway at Eatough's Farm, Fleet Street Lane, Ribchester PR3 3XE

It is proposed that a new driveway be formed from the existing farm track to the existing farmhouse. This driveway is intended to provide a separate access to that serving a proposed barn conversion.

This document aims to prove that the siting of the proposed driveway is predominantly within an area that has been enclosed and/or built upon since at least 1892. The driveway, therefore, does not pass through what could be reasonably described as "open countryside".

The attached images intend to show that the driveway has been positioned so as to minimise both visual and environmental impact.

Image 1: Extract from drawing submitted with application showing that the driveway has been deliberately positioned so as to be outside the root protection zones of the only notable trees in this section of hedgerow. The boundary line shown on the 1967 OS plan has also been marked on the drawing together with the still evident base of a former building (dotted line)

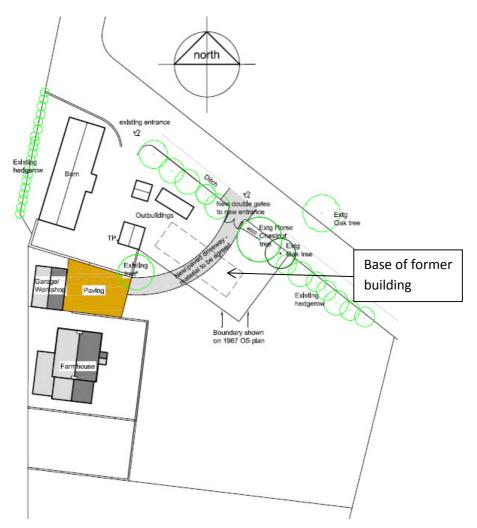


Image 2: 1940s aerial photograph showing building outlined on above drawing.

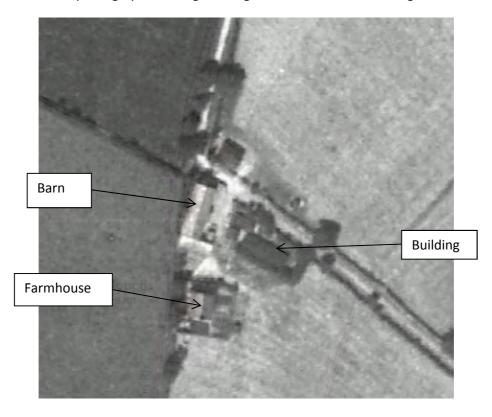


Image 3: 1960s aerial photograph showing building outlined on above drawing.

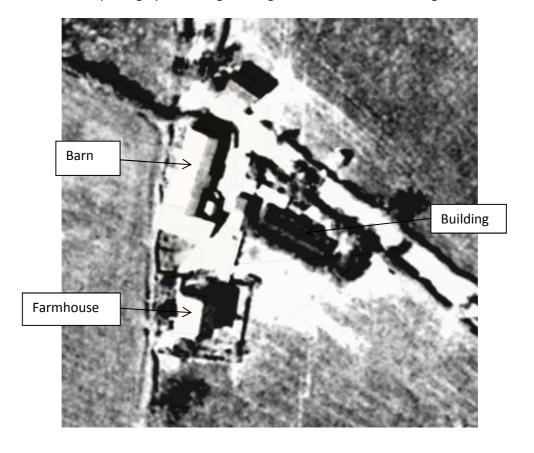


Image 4: 1950s/60s Ordnance Survey plan showing building outlined on above drawing.

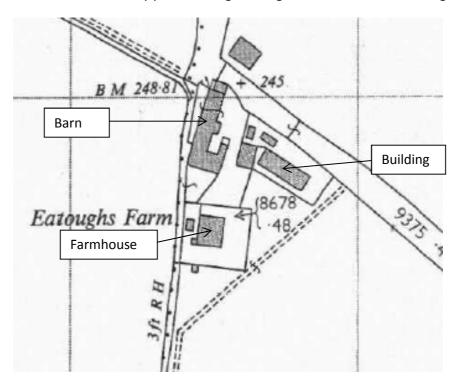


Image 5: 1892 OS plan showing enclosed area matching above images and still mostly evident today

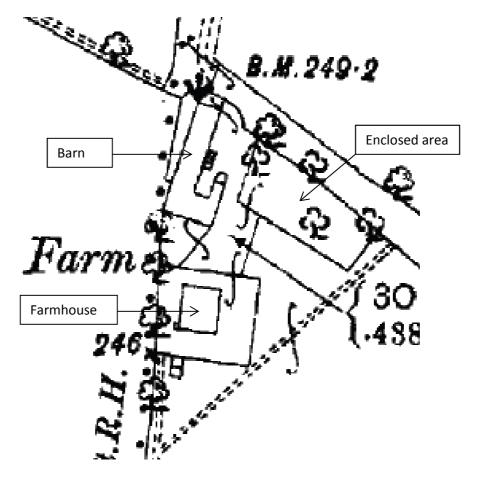


Image 6: View along line of proposed drive from farmhouse garden



Image 7: View along line of proposed drive from mid-point, also showing base of former building



Image 8: Base of former building on line of proposed drive



Image 9: View of farm track from existing entrance looking towards proposed new entrance



Image 10: View of farm track from end of proposed drive looking towards existing entrance



Conclusion:

The above images demonstrate that the location of the proposed drive is predominantly within an area that has been enclosed for at least the past 120 years and built upon for at least the past 70 years. The proposed driveway would therefore have little visual impact on the surrounding open countryside.

The Tree Report, also included with this application, shows that the proposed position of the new entrance does not affect any of the notable mature trees along the boundary with the farm track, thus minimising any environmental impact.