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Dear Mr Hickey

**Application FUL/2022/0149: Full planning application for the erection of 200 dwellings and associated works.  
Hollin Cross Farm, Woodplumpton Road, Burnley**

Thank you for your consultation on the above application. We were consulted by the Council at the pre-application stage and have already seen a copy of the archaeological desk-based assessment now submitted with the application (Salford Archaeology, October 2019). As we noted in that response, we have looked at those photographs and others available within the Historic Environment Record. We are not convinced that the cropmarks identified within the site boundary indicate early activity or settlement, but instead consider that they are more probably related to 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> century farming and represent former field boundaries and/or drains. As such we are not convinced that a phased scheme of archaeological investigation, as set out in section 8.2 of the assessment, is justified.

It was suggested in our previous consultation response that some recording of the field boundaries may be appropriate, but none of them appear to be of particular significance. As there are still many other boundaries of apparently similar date and origin in the vicinity, such recording would not appear to be justified. We would however agree with the suggestion in the archaeological assessment that thought should be given to retaining some or all of the pattern of historic field boundaries within the development layout and thus provide some historical continuity for the new residents.

In conclusion, we do not consider that any further archaeological investigation or recording is justified on this site.

Yours sincerely

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