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Dear Ms Beardsworth,

Planning Application: 06/2019/1039: Demolition of Former Public House, Boars Head Inn, 724 Garstang Road, Preston

Previous comments from LAAS (23/08/2018), on the basis that the Heritage Statement by Sunderland Peacock had suggested that the Boars Head Inn was originally a two storey, single pile, two unit dwelling, dating to the 17th century, much altered in the 18th and 19th centuries, was that the building was of sufficient interest to merit recording prior to demolition, and that such works should be secured by means of a planning condition. The works were to comprise a 'watching brief' on the demolition to enable a record of the building to be made, as well as on any groundworks to excavate and record any below-ground archaeological deposits associated with earlier activity on the site.

The recent (July) fire has however destroyed the interior and works to extinguish the fire resulted in significant further water damage, rendering the building unsafe to enter and greatly reducing the scope for a record to be made. Consequently we would now like to withdraw our recommendation for the building to be recorded.

The need for a 'archaeological watching brief' on any clearance of the floor slab (currently not proposed as part of the demolition process), or other ground reduction works around the Boars Head Inn, as well as those required by any future development of the site for housing, remains unchanged, and submission of any future planning application to develop the site will be likely to lead with advice from LCC Historic Environment Team that such work be secured by means of a suitably worded planning condition.

Yours sincerely

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