

APPLICATION No: HPK/2013/0627

Land at WATERSWALLOWS ROAD, BUXTON

#### HERITAGE STATEMENT

The County Archaeology Dept has advised that the application site lies in close proximity to two Monuments recorded in the Scheduled Monuments Register. Note that no part of either such Monument falls within the application area.

The first such Monument – ref 6515-MDR13275 – is located not less than 150m north of the application area. It comprises evidence of pre-historic activity (Mesolithic and Neolithic) including a possible early Neolithic longhouse. These were discovered during excavation work associated with the Nestle (Buxton Spring Water) Bottling plant in c 2010.

The Register notes that the evidence was found in the northern part of the site and that “areas of little or no potential “ were identified in the southern part, closest to the application area.

The second site – ref 99019-MDR10622 – relates to the route of an eighteenth century turnpike road from Sheffield to Buxton which followed the route of the existing Waterswallows Road to the north of the application area.

The application site itself has been in continuous industrial use since the early twentieth century. As such, its surface has been heavily disturbed, in contrast to the Nestle site which prior to the Nestle development was undisturbed agricultural land. It is apparent from this and the above Monument records that the potential of the application area to be of any archaeological interest, either in itself or in association with either of the two above Monuments is extremely remote and does not justify any further action.

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