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NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

In November 2005 North Pennines Archaeology Limited were commissioned by Mr. M. Wilkinson, to undertake an archaeological building recording project of an agricultural building at Linney Brow Farlam, Brampton, Cumbria prior to its conversion to residential use (Planning application reference no. 03/0903). The barn is considered to be of archaeological interest and is recorded on the County Historic Environment Record (reference 40296).

This work was carried out in response to a brief issued by Cumbria County Council Historic Environment Service. This specified that a 'Level 2' Building Survey was carried out as specified in *Recording Historic Buildings: A Descriptive Specification*¹.

Traditional farm buildings such as the barn at Linney Brow are extremely difficult to date due to a lack of documentary evidence and architectural style. The Enclosure map of 1780 appears to show a representation of buildings on the same site as Farlam Farm, however, it is not possible to know if this is simply the farmhouse. The building is present on the First Edition Ordnance Survey map and therefore dates to at least the mid 19th century.

The Level 2 Building Survey was carried out on 4th February 2006 by Fiona Wooler. The barn has clearly undergone a phase of rebuilding, and was possibly 'cut in half' when the road from Talkin was straightened approximately 50 years ago (M. Wilkinson, *pers comm.*), consequently the western gable end was rebuilt and presumably the barn was also heightened at this time.

The barn appears to have been used for the threshing and processing of cereals, although because the rest of the farm buildings on the site have already been converted, it is difficult to relate the barn to the other structures on the site.

Since the date of survey, ground works to the south of the barn have uncovered two large sandstone slabs and some cast-iron machinery pieces which may have related to a threshing machine (*pers.comm.* M. Wilkinson).

¹ Recording Historic Buildings: A Descriptive Specification, RCHME, Third Edition, 1996, Swindon