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Our ref: PLC/BCC/2230

Dear Heather,

**PLANNING PERMISSION: PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED DEMOLITION –
WINDSCLE ADVANCED GAS-COOLED REACTOR TURBINE HALL**

Sellafield Limited proposes to demolish a redundant plant building, the Windscale Advanced Gas-Cooled Reactor Turbine Hall (AGRTH) which is located within the Sellafield site. Constructed progressively between 1958 and 1963, the building consists of a reinforced concrete structure with associated blockwork and sheet metal cladding to the external walls.

The building roof is constructed of steel sheets over a metal frame. There are no internal floors, as the AGRTH contained heavy equipment used in the generation of power at the reactors and a large overhead crane in each was required for maintenance work when the plant was operational. There are a series of single-glazed, aluminium-framed windows running nearly the full length of the north and south walls.

The AGRTH building is now redundant and has reached the end of its useful life. Sellafield Limited is currently undertaking option studies into future development options on the AGRTH sites. At present, the proposed future use is not confirmed and the AGRTH requires demolition to remove unnecessary maintenance works and remove potential future safety and environmental issues.

Given the possibility for possible future redevelopment at the site, the proposal is to remove the building superstructure and retain the existing concrete foundations until a future development design is confirmed. Any future development proposals will be presented to relevant stakeholders and will be subject to formal planning application and consent from the Local Planning Authority.

I therefore attach the following for your approval:

- Application for Prior Notification of Proposed Demolition - Form
- Building Summary Information Report
- Phase 1 Ecology Survey
- Bat Habitat Survey
- Location Plan - 1 BE 3032299 Rev F

From the Scale of Charges for Planning Applications, the fee payable is £120.00, which has been sent separately.

Please note a Site Notice of Application for Prior Approval for Demolition of Building, along with a Statement of Display of a Site Notice, has been produced and erected at the entrance to the Sellafield site. I have appended these to this application for completeness.

Yours sincerely

Euan Hutton
Chief Executive Officer